

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

CHAMBERS OF  
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
CHIEF JUDGE

312-435-5600

November 4, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned about a visitor who has tested positive for COVID-19. I understand this individual was last in the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday, Wednesday, November 3, 2021. The visitor was on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the Courthouse, and no other floors; wore a face covering; and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouse. Individuals who had direct contact with this person have been notified, and the General Services Administration will clean the impacted areas.

Most of you are already vaccinated. But all of us must continue to adhere to all protective measures: masks, social-distancing, and handwashing. If you are not yet vaccinated, please reconsider. As you know, the vaccine protects you well. It also protects those you have contact with who may have medical vulnerabilities. And it protects all of us by blunting the opportunity for the virus to mutate into more aggressive or contagious forms. If you haven't taken this step, please do so now.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer  
Chief Judge  
Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee