

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 9, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned about an employee/contractor who has tested positive for COVID-19. I understand this individual was last in the Dirksen Courthouse last Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The employee/contractor was on the 16th 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