

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 23, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

We have learned about two Dirksen Courthouse employees who recently tested positive for COVID-19: an employee who works on the 26th floor of the Courthouse and was last in the Courthouse on Friday, November 20, 2020, and an employee who works on the 21st floor of the Courthouse and was last here on Wednesday, November 18, 2020. We believe both individuals wore a face covering the entire time they were in the building and did not visit any other area of the Courthouse. Individuals who had direct with these employees have been notified. We have again notified the General Services Administration and requested that they clean the areas using appropriate protocols.

As I have explained previously, you should continue to monitor yourselves for symptoms associated with COVID-19, and contact your healthcare provider with any questions about symptoms or specific questions about your health. Please continue to maintain physical distancing efforts, wash your hands often, and wear a mask over nose and mouth, here in the Courthouse and in all social interactions. I would encourage you, as well, to review the [CDC's guidance](#) for a safe celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday this year.

My own celebration will be a very quiet one. I am thankful this year for many things--but especially for the honor of being part of this Court and of working with all of you. Best wishes to you for the holidays.

Yours truly,



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