



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

**CHAMBERS OF  
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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November 29, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned about two employee/contractors working in the courthouse who have tested positive for COVID-19. Both were last in the building on November 24, 2021. One of these individuals worked on the 24<sup>th</sup> floor and later tested positive. We understand that no employee or other person working in the courthouse had contact with that individual 48 hours prior to the individual testing positive for Covid-19.

The other person who tested positive was on the 2nd, 16th, and 27th floors between Monday and Wednesday of last week. This individual was on no other floors, and was wearing a face covering and maintaining appropriate distancing while in the building. Other persons who had direct contact with this individual have been notified, and the General Services Administration will clean the impacted areas.

As you know from reading these letters and following news reports, COVID-19 is not yet behind us. The news about the Omicron variant heightens our concern. The work of the court continues, however, and the news underscores our continued responsibility to adhere to protective measures: masks, social distancing, and handwashing.

Again, please do continue to exercise care, and please take steps to ensure that you and your family members are vaccinated.

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 District Judge  
Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security  
Committee

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