CHAMBERS OF REBECCA R. PALLMEYER CHIEF JUDGE

December 14, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned of three individuals that were in the Dirksen Courthouse earlier this week who have tested positive for COVID-19:

- An individual who was on the 16th floor of the Dirksen Courthouse on Monday, December 6th;
- An individual who was on the 23rd floor of the Dirksen Courthouse on Wednesday, December 8th; and
- An individual who was on the 4th floor of the Dirksen Courthouse yesterday, December 13th.

These individuals were on no other floors; wore a face covering; and maintained appropriate distancing while in the Courthouse. Individuals who had direct contact with these individuals 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. I send the letters because it is my responsibility to let you know what is happening in our Courthouses, and to remind you of 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.

I want to take this opportunity to remind you about the Illinois Department of Public Health Covid-19 Booster Clinic at the Dirksen Courthouse, which runs through this Friday, December 17th, and is open from 8am to 4pm every day. All federal employees, family members and members of the public are welcome to utilize this free pop-up clinic located in the lobby of the Dirksen Courthouse. All brands of boosters will be available. You are eligible if two months have passed since you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, or if at least six months have passed since your second Pfizer or Moderna shot. Make sure to bring along your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card.

I appreciate your help in keeping everyone safe.

Yours truly,

Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Chief Judge Chair, Dirksen Courthouse Building Security Committee