



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

**CHAMBERS OF
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Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned of two persons, recently in the Dirksen Courthouse, who have tested positive for COVID-19. The first individual was last in the building on Friday, December 10, 2021. This person was on the 25th floor and attended active shooter training that morning. The second individual was in the Courthouse today, in various locations on the 20th floor. We understand that both of these persons remained on a single floor, wore a face covering, and maintained appropriate distancing while in the building. Other persons 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. There is a new, highly contagious, variant—Omicron—and until the virus is in better control, there may be others. Please be careful, not only for yourself, but for others. I've already reminded you too many times of the value of vaccination and boosters. And of course, please continue to wear a mask in any indoor public setting, maintaining good social distance, and washing your hands often. We can get through this, but we need to stick with the program.

Yours truly,

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

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