

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

December 20, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned of four employee/contractors recently in the Dirksen Courthouse and the JCK Building, who have tested positive for COVID-19.

- The first individual was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, December 16, 2021 and was on the 15th floor.
- The second and third individuals were last in the Dirksen Courthouse and the JCK Building on Thursday, December 16, 2021. These individuals were in the Dirksen Courthouse on the 12th, 14th, and 20th floors and in the JCK Building Probation lobby, UA room, and interview rooms 5, 6, and 9.
- The fourth individual was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Friday, December 17, 2021 and was on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 9th floors

We understand that each of these persons wore a face covering and maintained appropriate distancing while in the buildings. 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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