



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

312-435-5600

December 21, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned an employee/contractor who was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, December 16, 2021 has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was on the 27th floor, the mailroom, and the copy room in 2702. 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.

News reports concerning Omicron are discouraging. We have been vigilant for months, but we need to keep it up. You know the drill: Please continue wearing a mask, maintaining distance, and frequent handwashing. Get tested before gatherings. Get that booster. Keep smiling behind the masks. One day it will be over.

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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