



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

**CHAMBERS OF  
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December 28, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned of three persons who were recently in the Courthouse and who have tested positive for COVID-19:

- An employee/contractor who was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 has tested positive for COVID-19 and was on the 24th floor.
- An employee/contractor last in the Dirksen Courthouse on December 21 received positive test results for the COVID-19 virus on a test taken yesterday. This individual was on the 5th floor.
- An employee/contractor last in the Dirksen Courthouse on December 22 received positive test results for the COVID-19 virus on a test taken today. This individual was on the 3rd and 4th floors.

As I pointed out in yesterday's letter, persons who are fully vaccinated and have received the boosters can nevertheless contract COVID-19, as the Omicron variant is very easily transmitted—but fully-vaccinated individuals are experiencing milder and shorter infections. There is every reason to get vaccinated and get a booster if you have not done so already. Please continue your efforts to stop the spread by wearing masks, washing your hands and keeping your distance. And if you can, get tested before gathering with others.

Yours truly,

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

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