



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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December 29, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

I have learned that four employee/contractors who were recently in the Dirksen Courthouse and the John C. Kluczynski Federal Building who have tested positive for COVID-19:

- An employee/contractor last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Monday, December 27, 2021 received positive test results for the COVID-19 virus test taken Tuesday, December 28, 2021. This individual was on the 2nd floor.
- An employee/contractor last in the Dirksen Courthouse this morning received positive test results for the COVID-19 virus. This individual was on the 14th floor for a very limited time.
- An employee/contractor who was last in the John C. Kluczynski Federal Building on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual was on the 34th floor.
- An individual last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 received positive test results for the COVID-19 virus that evening. This individual was on the 7th floor.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", written in a cursive style.

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

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