



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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January 3, 2022

Dear Roszkowski Courthouse Occupants:

An individual who was last in the Roszkowski Courthouse, on the sixth floor, on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual 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.

It's not surprising that we are seeing continued transmission of COVID-19. The good news is that fully-vaccinated individuals are reporting only mild or relatively brief symptoms. As a reminder: when a vaccinated person tests positive, we should not draw the conclusion that "vaccines don't work." We should instead recognize that vaccines are protecting persons from serious illness and hospitalization. Omicron is particularly contagious, but the steps we are taking—vaccinations, boosters, hand-washing, masks, and social distancing—do make a difference, and have enabled us to keep the wheels of justice turning despite a public health challenge.

The new year has begun. I look forward to a happy one for all of us.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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