



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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March 18, 2022

Dear Courthouse Occupants:

I know you have not missed hearing from me. We are making progress against the pandemic, but it is not yet over. Two individuals who were recently in our Dirksen Courthouse have tested positive for COVID-19. One of these individuals was last in the courthouse on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 and was on the 20th floor. The other person was last here on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 and was on floors 2, 13, 17, and 18.

We understand that both individuals adhered to the masking and social distance requirements. Persons who had contact with them have been notified, and GSA has taken steps to clean the relevant spaces.

The COVID-19 news in Illinois has been generally very good, but a new variant, related to Omicron, may be with us soon. The most important weapon against all variants of the virus remains the one you have heard about repeatedly: vaccines. If you have not already gotten a booster, please do get one. And of course, please do continue to adhere to the other protocols, including masks, social distance, and hand-washing. Remember to stay home if you feel sick, let us know if you do test positive, and if you do, stay away for five full days or until you are better.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer".

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