



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

**CHAMBERS OF  
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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May 18, 2022

Dear Courthouse Occupants:

Four individuals who were recently in the Dirksen Courthouse have tested positive for COVID-19.

- The first individual who last in the Dirksen Courthouse on May 13, 2022 and was on the 25th floor.
- The second individual who last in the Dirksen Courthouse on May 17, 2022 and was on the 3rd floor.
- The third individual who last in the Dirksen Courthouse on May 17, 2022 and was on the 4th floor.
- The fourth individual who last in the Dirksen Courthouse this morning, May 18, 2022, and was on the 3rd floor.

These individuals were masked when in contact with other persons. Individuals who had contact with these individuals have been notified, as has GSA. GSA will clean the relevant spaces.

Thanks, everyone, for keeping us informed. Thanks, too, for cooperating with the protocols we have in place. We are all tired of wearing masks. I'd like to see more smiling faces! But we need to remain cautious for a while longer. As you know, the PCR test available for no charge in our lobby is very sensitive. You could test positive even without symptoms, but early detection of an infection helps to protect everyone. I'm hoping that the spike we are seeing now will be short-lived.

Best wishes to all of us.

Yours truly,

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