

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

CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER
CHIEF JUDGE

312-435-5600

June 7, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

Yesterday, I was notified that an employee who works on the eleventh floor of the Dirksen Courthouse has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The employee was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, June 4, 2020.

Today, using contact tracing, it was determined that the employee had a lengthy meeting in the lobby on Thursday, June 4, 2020. After consulting with public health experts, we have determined that it is necessary to clean the impacted areas. The eleventh floor and the lobby of the Dirksen Courthouse will be cleaned using the appropriate protocols due to the length of time this employee was in the area. GSA has mobilized their contractor to clean these areas and they will be onsite tomorrow morning to perform this work.

Please note that I do not believe these circumstances are cause for alarm. Although COVID-19 spreads easily between people and can live on surfaces, the [CDC advises](#) that touching a surface or object that has the virus on it is not the main way the infection spreads. You should of course continue to monitor yourself for any symptoms associated with COVID-19, and you should contact your healthcare provider with any questions about symptoms or specific questions about your health.

Yours truly,



Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer
United States District Court Judge
Chair, Dirksen Building Safety and Security Committee