

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

July 10, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

Yesterday, a defendant who was present on the 21<sup>st</sup> floor of the Dirksen Courthouse later tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Those individuals that were present for the hearing with the defendant have been contacted and advised of the situation.

The General Services Administration will hire a contractor to clean these areas. The impacted courtroom of the 21<sup>st</sup> floor and the associated areas of the Dirksen Courthouse will be cleaned using the appropriate protocols.

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