

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

September 29, 2020

Dear Dirksen Courthouse Occupants:

This morning, I learned that an employee who was last in the Dirksen Courthouse on September 24, 2020 has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. During the week of September 21, 2020, the employee worked on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> floors. The General Services Administration will ensure that the areas visited will be properly cleaned using the appropriate protocols.

As you know, COVID-19 spreads easily between people and can live on surfaces, but the [CDC advises](#) that touching a surface or object that has the virus on it is not the main way the infection spreads. I do not believe this individual positive test is a basis for alarm. As always, you should 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.

As you well know, the best way that we can prevent the transmission of COVID-19 is to maintain at least a six-foot distance, wash our hands, and wear our face coverings—not only at work, but also in your social interactions. I appreciate your continued diligence in following these measures.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca R. Pallmeyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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