



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

**CHAMBERS OF
REBECCA R. PALLMEYER**

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December 27, 2021

Dear Dirksen Courthouse:

As the virus continues to spread and many of us are being tested, I have learned of five persons recently in the Dirksen Courthouse who have tested positive for COVID-19.

- The first individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse on December 21, 2021 and was on the 26th and 27th floors of the Courthouse.
- The second person was in the Dirksen Courthouse on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 and was on the 14th floor.
- The third individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, December 23, 2021 and was on the 27th floor.
- The fourth individual was in the Dirksen Courthouse on Thursday, December 23, 2021, in the sub-basement mechanical room and on the 11th floor.
- The fifth individual who was last in the Courthouse on December 20, 2021, on the 9th and 12th floors, tested positive on a test yesterday.

We understand that each of these persons wore a face covering and maintained appropriate distancing while in the buildings. Other persons who had direct contact with these individuals have been notified, and the General Services Administration will clean the impacted areas.

Please continue your efforts to stay healthy and safe by wearing masks, social distancing, hand-washing, vaccines, boosters. Note that persons who are fully vaccinated and have received the boosters can nevertheless contract COVID-19, as the Omicron variant is very easily transmitted—but fully-vaccinated individuals are experiencing milder and shorter infections. There is every reason to get vaccinated and get a booster if you have not done so already. And if you can, get tested before gathering with others.

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