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A newsletter highlighting and connecting the People and work of Facilities Management

People Purpose Pride Perseverance

I am struck by how strangely quiet our campus has become. We miss the vibrancy and company of our community in the halls of our buildings and along the sidewalks and green spaces of our beautiful grounds. Amid this quiet, the critical work of Facilities Management continues thanks to your dedication and hard work. This is not normal, and it can be hard and stressful. It is especially important in this time that we take care of ourselves and each other. Thank you for all you do. You make me proud every day.

-Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management



Capital Projects Management is responsible for construction and renovation projects with budgets of \$1M or more. This unit of Facilities Management includes Project Managers, Accounting and Business specialists, the University Architect, and Professional Planners.

One of their current projects is the demolition of the Kirwan Blanding residential complex. **Keith Ingram** is UK's project manager. One of the requirements for the demolition was avoiding the health impacts from the dust generated by standard implosion. Instead, the contractor will use a mechanical process that will start from the top floor using equipment that will crush the concrete structural elements and dump the crushed material down the elevator shafts. Much of this material will then be reused as a fill material to return the basement and tunnel areas to the same grade as the rest of the site.

Once the demolition is complete, the 12+ acre will be transformed in a 'campus green' that will have the potential for three building sites on the perimeter. To date, there has not been any impact to the project from the COVID-19 pandemic. The contractor is monitoring all employees as they enter the site each morning and conducting a second check mid-day.



Social distancing is the most effective strategy we have for limiting the spread and health impacts of the Covid-19 virus. **Facilities Maintenance and Operations** is assisting other campus units, including UK Police, with ongoing measures to reduce the temptations and opportunities to congregate on our campus. Maintenance and Operations teams removed the rims from all campus basketball courts late last week. The entrance drive to UK Arboretum has been physically closed by UK Police. **UK Grounds** is also planning to collect the Adirondack chairs from campus and bring them in for inventory, cleaning, and repair.



UK HealthCare has several options for connecting with health professionals without leaving home. Their technology allows you to conduct your healthcare visit via Zoom videoconferencing and, when video options are not available, telephone visits can be used for some interactions. To make a TeleCare appointment, call 859-257-1000. If you need an Urgent TeleCare visit call 833-739-0225.

More information: https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/patients-visitors/patients/telecare

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Facilities Fact:

The University's electricity bill was approximately \$2000 per hour in Feb. 2020.

UK Utilities and Energy Management is responsible for the procurement and delivery of electricity and other utilities. UEM is also working on energy conservation strategies for this unprecedented situation to conserve funds and critical resources

Covid 19 Resources:

https://www.uky.edu/coronavirus/updates

kycovid19.ky.gov

cdc.gov

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