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People Purpose Pride Perseverance

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the "boots on the ground" for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. Thank you for everything you do. – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management



Adjusting to the *current version of normal* created by the response to the pandemic has required swift, unprecedented action across all our operations. Adapting to these new circumstances requires learning to work together in new ways. One example of this occurred last week. **Custodial** staff arrived in their areas in the predawn hours to clean buildings where lights had been scheduled off as part of our effort to conserve energy and reduce operation costs. The teams adapted on the spot and used their cellphone flashlights to clock in and begin their work. They notified supervisors and **Facilities Services** worked with **Utilities and Energy Management** to develop a solution to this unintended consequence.



The transformation of the Nutter Fieldhouse to a 400-bed field hospital continues nearly around the clock and **Facilities Management** teams are supporting many aspects of this work. This has included support from **Utilities**, **Maintenance** and **Operations**, **Facilities Services**, **Planning** and more, ensuring that this new hospital has all the essential services it needs to support UK HealthCare as they provide care to our community. **Thank you to everyone involved!** 





Practicing **social distancing** is now an essential aspect of our work. It protects our health, the health of our families, and our colleagues and co-workers. It also demonstrates **Facilities Management's** commitment to service and leadership on our campus. Our teams are doing a great job of adapting to this new reality, including limiting staff to one per vehicle. This requirement has challenged us to rethink how we do our work. Last week, **UK Arboriculture** – the **Grounds team** responsible for tree care - adjusted their scheduling to include two shifts to increase the efficiency and productivity of their specialized equipment.



## Google's Doodle

On Friday, April 10, Google launched a new series "to recognize and honor many of those on the front lines." The first *doodle* honored and thanked **custodial and sanitation** workers.

