

## 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, VP for FM*



Social distancing, maintaining at least six feet between individuals, is the most effective action we can take to keep ourselves healthy and to prevent the spread of the virus. These protocols are not only critical for health, **they are also requirements of our work with Facilities Management. Individuals must take personal responsibility to ensure at least six feet between them and anyone else.** There are other steps we take can take together. For example, UK Grounds recently reconfigured two breakrooms by changing seating arrangements and creating larger walkways to help employees maintain the required distance between individuals..



On March 12, Fayette County Public Schools announced that they would be closing on Monday, March 16 due to the Covid19 pandemic. UK recognized that this would cause childcare challenges for many employees and immediately began planning for the possibility of using UK facilities to help meet this need. The Senior Center at the corner of Alumni Dr. and Nicholasville Rd. was identified as a viable space and our **Maintenance and Operations** team launched a heroic effort on Friday morning to ready the space. They reviewed all occupancy permits, life safety systems, and scheduled meetings with local and state inspectors. As one team led that effort, others evaluated the plumbing, painting, electrical, and cleaning tasks. Another team, coordinated with a trusted contractor to assist with the work. Their efforts continued almost around the clock over the weekend. By Monday morning, less than 72 hours after receiving this task, the facility was ready to go and is on standby for a repurposed mission. This was a team effort in the best sense and every individual involved went above and beyond. **THANK YOU!!**



Pooya Mohaghegh, left, wears a face shield produced this week in Pence Hall. He is a student and employee in the College of Design (COD) who, before this crisis, worked closely with **Jason Murphy** from FM's **Planning, Design, and Construction** team on the “pocket park” that has emerged at the corner of Limestone and Maxwell. He is now helping COD adapt their fabrication equipment to produce PPE for UK HealthCare. The COD has become a hub and point of contact for the design and production of face shields.

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## Covid 19 Resources:

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

[kycovid19.ky.gov](https://kycovid19.ky.gov)

[cdc.gov](https://cdc.gov)

## Previous issues:

<https://www.uky.edu/sustainability/FacilitiesDaily>