

## People

## Purpose

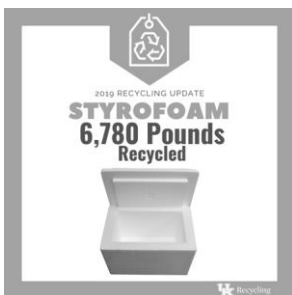
## Pride

## 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*



In the midst of UK HealthCare’s preparations and special focus on COVID 19, the **Medical Center FM** team continues to provide daily support for hospital operations. Wednesday (3/25) night there was a significant waste line back up in the 5th floor shell space of PAV A. This main waste line serves all floors of the PAV A tower and could adversely affect the ability of our superb clinical teams in delivering safe and quality patient care. **Hal Van Etten** (Supervisor) and his team did an amazing job responding to this incident and clearing all lines and returning the spaces to use. – by Paul Ducharme



On March 18, UK Specialty Pharmacy was notified by their Styrofoam cooler producer that they would no longer be able to fill UK’s order due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Specialty Pharmacy mails various medications to patients and they use the Styrofoam coolers and ice packs to keep the medicine temperature regulated. **UK Recycling**, led by **Joanna Ashford**, already collects comparable coolers and ice packs from various labs for recycling. Starting on March 19, within 24 hours of receiving the request, UK Recycling began supplying these to Specialty Pharmacy for use while their supplier is unable to deliver.



**Facilities Management’s Maintenance and Operations** has added evening shifts to four campus areas in response to the demands of the current situation. This shift also helps ensure compliance with social distancing and some of the practical challenges this practice poses. For example, to maintain a safe six feet of distance between each other, only one person can be in most of our work vehicles. In this photo, **Pat McAlister** and **Kevin Ransdell** check on electrical equipment, from a safe distance, in the Whitehall Classroom Building. The Maintenance and Operations unit is composed of skilled craftspeople including masons, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, mechanics, and maintenance employees.

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### More information:

The University is maintaining a website for the most recent updates on our response: <https://www.uky.edu/coronavirus/updates>

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is also using this website as a hub for Covid-19 related information and resources: [kycovid19.ky.gov](http://kycovid19.ky.gov)

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear is conducting daily news briefings at 5 p.m. , providing updates on the situation for our Commonwealth. The briefings are broadcast on many local TV stations and available to stream online.