

*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*

OUR PEOPLE.

OUR STORIES.



Earlier this month, UK Facilities Management helped install 15 pavilions across the campus providing our community with new outdoor gathering spaces in response to the challenges posed by the pandemic. Earlier this week, in partnership with the fire marshal’s office, Student and Academic Life, and UK Marketing, we installed freestanding signage in all 15 of the pavilions. These signs provide critical information about occupancy, physical distancing, and other healthy campus priorities. The signs were designed by **Maureen Dreckman (FIS)**, produced by the **Sign Shop**, and installed by teams from **Central Shops**. Great work to everyone involved in this important project.

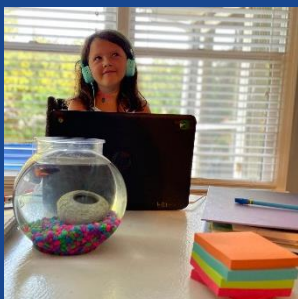


Providing clear instructions about public health protocols is a priority for **Facilities Management** and one that we have been working on since early summer. Our teams have installed nearly 40,000 such signs across the campus. We have received many request for floor decals to supplement wall-based paper signage. Our teams recognized the challenges that indoor decals would create for our custodial and maintenance teams and cautioned against widespread use. Medical Center Facilities Manager **Matt Mueller** worked with staff in the College of Nursing to develop an innovative solution using a blue traffic cone to create a freestanding sign that is very visible to anyone using a corridor. The College of Medicine and the College of Dentistry are currently considering this option for their hallways and public spaces.



Phase 1 of the Library Drive Extension Project is nearing completion. Curbs have been installed and final grading of the roadbed is happening this week. The final step, paving, will happen in the coming days. When complete, this project will connect Library Drive to Washington Avenue allowing for vehicular access to the Funkhouser Drive area and deliveries to Chemistry Physics without using Rose Street. This will enable the full closure of Rose Street to all but emergency traffic, an important part of our **Campus Master Plan** and our efforts to create a safe, pedestrian-focused campus core. Capital Projects Management is coordinating this effort and **Scotty Bowles** is the project manager.

Photo Friday – First Day of School



As the University of Kentucky reaches the midpoint of the second week of classes, Fayette County Public School students have their first day of classes today. Let’s recognize and celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians who are helping our young students kick off this new year of learning. Submit your first day of school pictures to shane.tedder@uky.edu by Thursday at midnight. **Hats off and good luck to everyone helping children through these trying times!**