

*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.



Utilities and Energy Management continues their efforts to ready campus heating systems for the cooler weather ahead. At left, **UEM’s Paul Brooks** cleaning the mud drum on CUP boiler #1. At right, inside the mud drum after Paul finished his work. In addition to cleaning drums and steam lines, UEM staff also prepared multiple boilers at the three campus heating plants for upcoming inspections. **Thanks to the UEM team for helping prepare campus for the fall and winter ahead.**



Last week, the city of Lexington approved the operating permit for Bird Scooters. Last year, Bird was selected as the University’s preferred partner when the city approved the permitting process for this type of micromobility company. Bird did not launch immediately but two other companies, Spin and Lime, offered the electric scooters across the community last fall. Both Spin and Lime pulled their vehicles out of Lexington when the pandemic hit and have not indicated their intent to return. Bird has indicated that they will deploy 400 vehicles to Lexington this fall and many of these will likely be staged on and around campus providing our community with a shared mobility option. The vehicles are unlocked via a phone-based app that instructs users to park the scooters at bike racks when they end their ride on campus. UK Transportation Services manages the university’s partnership with the company and **Facilities Management** will work closely with UKTS to address issues as they arise.



Self-care, maintaining and improving our mental and physical health, should always be a priority but it is especially important in these trying times. UK Human Resources, through their **Work-Life Connections Program**, provides a wide array of resources available to all UK Employees. We encourage you to take time this week to do two things. First, learn about the warning signs that commonly indicate that stress and circumstances are negatively impacting your mental health. Second, familiarize yourself with the resources that UK provides to help you regain balance and focus. More info:

<https://www.uky.edu/hr/work-life/counseling/worklife-connections-counseling>

PROTECT. RESPECT. DO YOUR PART.



WEAR A MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



PHYSICAL DISTANCE



DAILY SCREENING

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