

*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.

### Focus on Facilities – Custodial Services

UK Facilities Management employs more than 800 people across a very wide range of areas. Starting today with our Custodial Services team, we begin a series to highlight individual areas of our operations. The goal for this new feature will be for our full team to have a better understanding of the responsibilities and operations of our various units.

**Facilities Management has two custodial groups – main campus and the medical center** - that combine to employ around 240 people. These teams are two of the largest and most diverse in Facilities Management. Our custodial teams have been the frontline in keeping the campus safe and clean in the face of this pandemic, providing daily cleaning and sanitizing services across more than 20 million square feet of building space. Our campus and the Medical Center custodial shifts are scheduled such that they are providing around the clock cleaning services, in some capacity, seven days a week. The teams have adopted new technology in their work to keep campus safe including electrostatic sprayers and other tools. Custodial Services has shifted their focus to public areas, classrooms and restrooms this year and engaged office occupants in the tasks of keeping personal spaces clean. Our **Photo Friday** tomorrow will feature our Custodial teams. At left, **Michael Baker** uses one of our new tools to sanitize a campus theater that is being used a classroom during the pandemic.



Yesterday, one of our contract partners began planting a grove of 16 trees in the traffic island on Alumni Drive near the entrance to the Arboretum. The new planting is part of a larger project in this area of campus that included a stream restoration on the north side of Alumni. These efforts were funded in part by a grant from the LFUCG's Stormwater Incentive Program and were designed to improve both stormwater quality and maintenance conditions in this area. Trees, through the process of evapotranspiration, have a significant positive impact on the quantity of water that is discharged to our storm sewer system during rain events.



### FLU SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF & STUDENTS

Flu shots are mandatory for students this year and students are required to receive the vaccinations by November 1. The shots are also available for free to all campus employees at several convenient locations across campus including UK Retail Pharmacies. If you have a UK Health Insurance Plan you can receive the shot at any retail pharmacy that offers flu shots. Make a plan to get your flu shot, and learn more about your options by visiting: [www.uky.edu/coronavirus/do-your-part/flu-shots/employee-flu-shots](http://www.uky.edu/coronavirus/do-your-part/flu-shots/employee-flu-shots)