

OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORY.

*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*



THE UNIVERSITY’S PLAN FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

Yesterday, the University released the pillars of our restart plan for the fall, which makes clear a commitment to returning to a residential campus experience in August. This includes:

- In-person classes beginning a week early on Aug. 17 and end at Thanksgiving.
- Testing for students for COVID-19.
- Daily assessment for symptoms and mask-wearing in most places on campus for all members of the campus community.
- Working with populations considered high-risk for contracting the virus to help protect their health and safety.
- Contact tracing and quarantining when incidents of the virus occur on campus.

The playbook also calls for a phased staff restart. Non-health care employees will begin to return to campus in a phased approach in mid to late July. The university is developing a process to identify which positions are critical to on-site operations to achieve a signature residential experience for students. Decisions to return positions to on-site work will be approved by unit supervisors, in consultation with senior administration. *“Reopening and returning to the distinctive residential and classroom experience we provide will mean, in some cases, changing old habits and thinking of different ways to accomplish long-standing goals,”* Capilouto said. *“And, even as we take these steps, we must ensure that in social distancing to protect our health we find ways to draw closer together as a community, united in common purpose toward a greater sense of understanding around shared values. We can do this.”* You can find the full announcement and additional details at this website: www.uky.edu/fall2020



In related news, campus wildlife have already started their reinvented residential experience at the University of Kentucky. Move-In was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our contractors! “Tree” Sanford spotted this bird’s nest in the Limestone Parking Garage yesterday. Tree said, “If you look closely, you can see that the bird (I don’t know what kind) used all types of material it took off the construction site to build it’s nest. There are all types of material in there: cable ties, wire insulation, plastic wire strips, and small pieces of wire.” All members of our community are getting in on the WILDLY POSSIBLE theme.

**SEE BLUE (jeans)
SEE SERVICE**

This Friday, **Facilities Management**, is joining forces with THE BIG BLUE PANTRY to fight student hunger. If you bring a non-perishable food item to donate that day, you can wear blue jeans to work. More details will be provided later in the week and there will be a drive-by option for the folks working remotely to get them out of their pajamas.



PHOTO FRIDAY: Show off your shades

June is National Migraine and Headache Awareness month and June 21 is Migraine World Solidarity Day. In support of this cause, let’s show off our shades in this week’s Photo Friday collage. Submit pictures to shane.tedder@uky.edu by 5pm on Thursday, June 18.