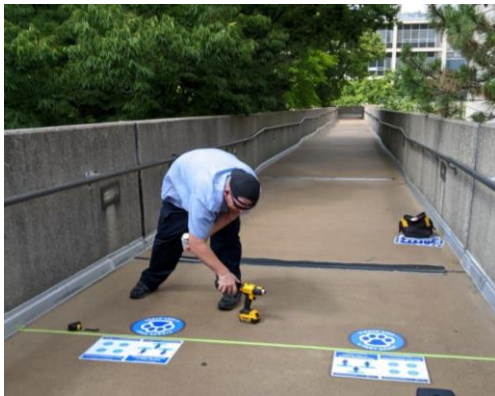
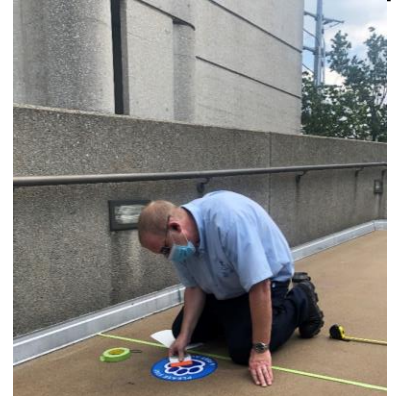


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*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned 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*



Yesterday, **Jon Burroughs** (left) and **Chris Harrison** (right) from **Central Shops** applied decals on the Pedestrian Bridge over Cooper Drive that connects the Garrigus Plaza to Agriculture Sciences building. The decals provide important public health information and were required for reopening the pedway. Now students, staff and faculty will be able to take a shorter, safer route to their workspaces from the parking lots located south of Cooper Drive.



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>



Project Update: Kirwan Blanding Demolition

Our work to safely deconstruct the Kirwan Blanding Complex and create a new, signature campus space continues on schedule. **Keith Ingram**, project manager for **Capital Projects Management**, reports that the top four floors of Kirwan Tower (foreground) and the top floor of Blanding Tower (background) have been removed and that it is taking approximately 7-8 days to remove a complete floor. The Kirwan I and II low rises have also been demolished to the ground floor slabs. Five of the remaining six low rises have been remediated and window wells have been removed. All five of these buildings are gutted down to the concrete masonry interior walls. After all buildings are demolished and cleared, the basements and tunnels will be demolished and backfilled.



Heroes do indeed work here. The way we conduct *our work* and *our daily lives* is critically important to supporting our efforts to reopen with a safe and welcoming campus. **Wearing a mask and maintaining social distance** are now part of our jobs in addition to being critical aspects of maintaining a safe campus. Let's be leaders on campus and in our communities in modeling these important public health behaviors.

