

The FM Daily

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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

OUR PEOPLE.

OUR STORIES.



The University is moving very quickly to adapt to the reinvented normal of in-person classes amid the ongoing pandemic and has emerged as a leader in higher education on this front. Yesterday, a national news media outlet was on campus to document the processes and changes we have put in place. Facilities Management has been working with students and faculty for some time on plans to provide "hammock gardens" as places for students to rest and recharge. On Friday afternoon, when we got confirmation that the national media would be here on Monday, Facilities Management was asked by the administration to provide a "proof of concept" for the hammock gardens and to have it ready by Monday morning. Our teams swung into action along with our contract partners to custom fabricate four hammock stands by working through the weekend. At left, UK Marketing shoots photos with a group of students "modeling" the hammocks. GREAT WORK TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN MAKING THIS HAPPEN ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!



August 1-7, 2020 is World Breastfeeding Week. Over the past few years, **Facilities Management** - working in partnership with UK Human Resources - has helped **install 20 lactation rooms** across the campus, including one on the second floor of Peterson Service Building. UK Human Resources also offers Breastfeeding and Lactation Support Guidelines online. Creating an inclusive and supportive work environment is a high priority for the University of Kentucky and Facilities Management is a proud partner in this work.



Tomorrow is the final day of our summer food drive!



This summer, Facilities Management has partnered with UK's Big Blue Pantry to collect non-perishable food donations to support our students who face food insecurity. We will have food donation points set up for a week (7/30-8/5). As with our two previous drives, supervisors will communicate about remote donation locations for Utilities and Maintenance Areas. Central collection points will be located in Peterson Service Building and the Kelly Building. There will also be a drive-by drop point on Limestone by the loading dock to Peterson for folks working remotely.

