

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.



Brian Bayer disconnects the main breaker from substation #2 while Steven Hughes observes

The University of Kentucky purchases almost all* of the electricity needed for the main campus from Kentucky Utilities (KU). The power we buy is delivered to one of three electrical substations located strategically around the campus. **Facility Management's Utilities and Energy Management (UEM)** team is responsible for the delivery of the power from the substations to the individual buildings. In late February, the **UEM High Voltage team** took Substation #2 out of service for two days allowing KU to perform maintenance on the transformer,

Substation #2 out of service for two days allowing KU to perform maintenance on the transformer, replace lightning arrestor bushings, install new varmit guards, and replace station batteries. UEM switched most of the power demand over to substations #1 and #3 to provide uninterrupted power delivery to campus throughout the entire process. The team also trip-checked relays for an annual test on the main breaker while the transformer was out of service. **Brian Pippen** replaced a faulty relay in the capacitor bank



which was discovered when station power was serviced. KU also conducted an infrared scan of the entire substation with no issues to report. Congratulations to everyone involved with this critical maintenance initiative!

*A nominal amount of electricity is produced with solar panels installed on two campus facilities.



HOW DO YOU FEEL?

We're here for you

Burned out? Stressed or overwhelmed? Lonely or disconnected? Not even sure where to begin? UK Human Resources has launched a website with great resources for dealing with the health and well being challenges we are all facing due to the pandemic. There's no way to make everything as it was before. That's why they have gathered these resources to offer you practical support and a calming place to land. And if you don't even know where to start, they have support for that, too. https://www.uky.edu/hr/here-for-you



In February, the University and retirement partner TIAA announced several changes to the employee retirement program. This includes closing some investment options for all plan holders and shifting those funds to new options. All plan holders have the opportunity to keep their current investment options but to do so you must select the self-directed brokerage option by Friday, March 12. Learn more about these changes: https://www.tiaa.org/public/pdf/pf/uk_transitionguide.pdf

