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FM PREPARES USF CAMPUSES FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING

While the university phases back into normal operations, the health and safety of the USF community is a top priority. To prepare for faculty, staff, and students to begin returning to campus, employees from Facilities Management took on the difficult task of mapping out all three USF campuses for physical distancing.

The layouts, drawings, and diagrams created were used to understand the safest capacities and layouts for labs, classrooms, and common areas in order to maintain proper six feet physical distances.

“While we are fortunate to have in-house space drawings and building layouts, we sometimes had to go into each of the buildings and classrooms/teaching spaces to verify and document existing conditions for accuracy,” says Michael Ballester, an FM project manager.

Buildings, classrooms, and teaching spaces were divided among the following project managers and assistant

directors: Daniel Eger, Chaddy Hanwisai, Daoud Georgis, Scot Berrian, Christopher Martin, Suchi Daniels, Paul Mullins, Brian Laverty, Adam Linton, Kemi Ogunsanwo, Maher Oueini, Michael Ballester, Sarah Baynard, and Elizabeth Clifford. The spaces then had to be measured, photographed, and items in each space (chairs, tables, desks) had to be counted and inventoried.

The information was then divided among five project managers to create classroom layouts, which the Registrar’s Office used to safely schedule classes for the Fall semester. Building diagrams were created to assist with installing various COVID decals and signage on each campus. Throughout all of this, Maintenance and Custodial were resetting and sprucing up classrooms.

This year, many have taken on tasks and projects outside of their normal work duties. Thank you to all the OAS employees who went above and beyond to ensure the safety of all returning to campus this Fall.