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## We're in this Together!

This time of year is usually an exciting and vibrant time with the activation of the reflecting pool, greening of grass and trees, blooming of flowers, and students preparing for final exams, commencement and then departing for the summer break. This year though we are dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 and the Governor's stay at home order. The majority of us are working from home. The students are gone. Classes are being taught on line. Research has ramped down. All construction and renovation projects have been halted.

But, there is still activity in our buildings and things to be taken care of. Forty-two of our classrooms are being used for lecture capture. This requires CAEN support, facility support, and Building Services daily cleaning. Numerous labs were granted approval to stay operational to meet mission critical demands while others converted over to solving COVID-19 issues. These labs require faculty and grad students to be on site, facility staff to aid in the operation, and UM maintenance staff to keep things running.

Finally, dedicated staff from CoE's FM office, departments and other units banded together to walk all the buildings and perform daily checks at docks to ensure everything is running smoothly until we can welcome all faculty, staff, and students back home. Please make sure you check out [CoE's web page](#) and the [UM's Public Affairs](#) web site for the most up to date information and to get answers to your questions.

Until we see everyone back on North Campus, be well and stay safe.

## Welcome Lukeland Gentles, the New Director of Custodial and Grounds Services

As of January 1, 2020, Lukeland Gentles took over as Director of Custodial and Grounds Services. The department provides custodial services, pest management, grounds maintenance, and landscape services that support a safe, functional, and attractive campus environment.

He began his tenure with Facilities & Operations in the Custodial Services department, where he served as a custodial supervisor, business manager, and Interim Director. Prior to becoming the director of CGS, he served as Associate Director of F&O Finance, providing fiscal leadership for all F&O departments.

Lukeland holds a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of Michigan and a master of business administration from Wayne State University.

Just like your favorite mini-series, all CoE construction projects are

To Be Continued...

Our season finale came early this year, and all projects are halted.

Once the *Stay Home. Stay Safe. Save Lives.* order is ended, the dulcet sounds of swinging hammers and equipment back up alarms will be back on campus.

Stay Tuned!



### Did You Know?

CoE Facilities Management Office has a lot of great info at  
our website. Check it out!

<https://rpm.engin.umich.edu/facilities/>

# Severe Weather Preparedness

The 2020 severe weather drills were canceled this year, in order to support the *Stay Home. Stay Safe. Save Lives.* efforts, so we're bringing you some important reminders.

All CoE buildings have Evacuation Maps posted in the halls, like the one you see below. The Shelter in Place area is noted in yellow. This is the safest place in the building during a severe weather event.

If you become aware of a tornado (i.e., from an UM Emergency Alert, local media or Ann Arbor's outdoor warning sirens), please take the following precautions:

Persons outside should immediately find shelter. Safe shelters include:

- Internal hallways on the lowest floors of buildings
- Internal classrooms or offices without glass windows, walls and panels
- Basements
- Internal stairwells that do not have windows

Safe shelters DO NOT include:

- Rooms with high-profile or long ceilings, such as gymnasiums, auditoriums and cafeterias
- Rooms with an outside wall or windows
- Doors that have glass inserts
- Rooms with atriums, skylights or glass walls

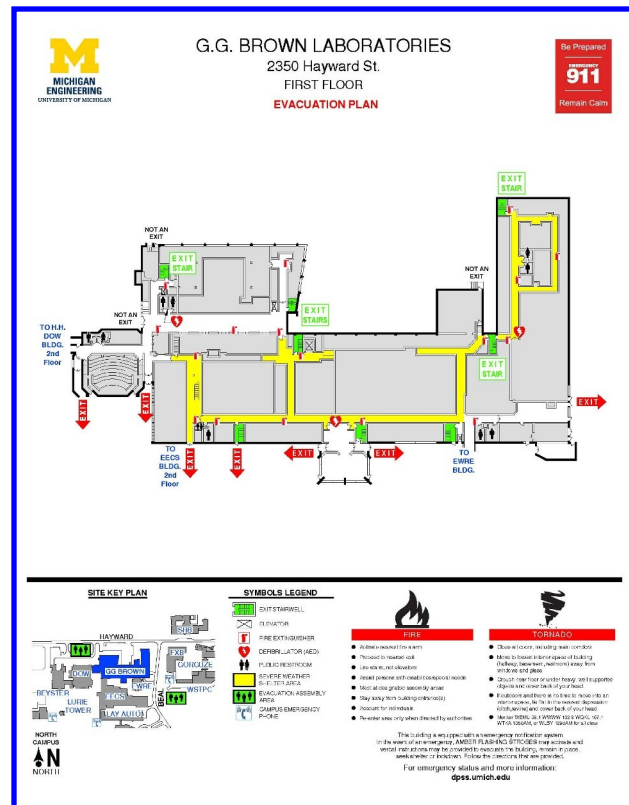
Monitor local weather via radio, internet or TV to stay informed.

Remain in a sheltered area until the tornado warning expires or emergency personnel have issued an “all clear” signal.

Upon exiting your shelter, be wary of downed power lines, gas line breaks, broken glass or any other potentially sharp or dangerous objects.

Even after the tornado has passed, avoid any buildings or structures that may have been damaged; you do not want to be struck by debris or trapped in a collapse.

More Severe Weather Event info can be found at the [DPSS website](#).





## We're Keeping the Lights on for You!

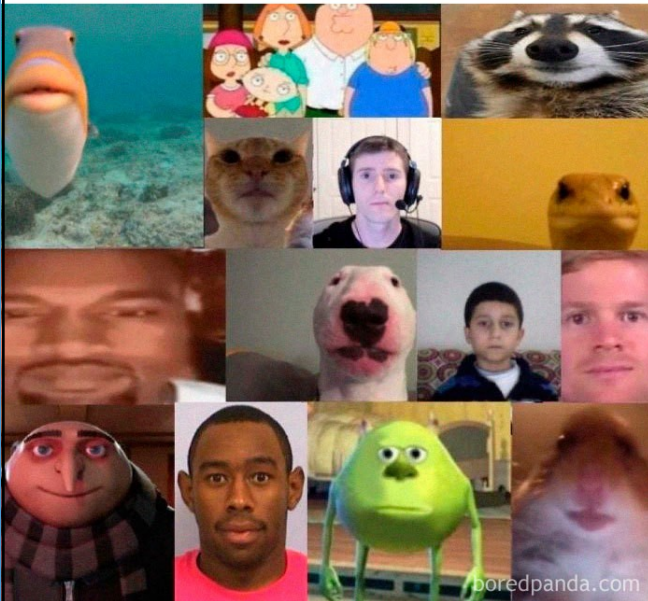
Below are some links to resources to help during our time at home.

[UM Public Affairs Office COVID–19 Updates](#)

[Center for Positive Organizations COVID –19 Resources](#)

[Guide to Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

All the students on their webcams at 8 in the morning waiting for class to start



Libby de Leon  
@LibbyDeLeon

Quarantine Day 1: I have enough food to last me weeks!

Quarantine Day 2: I have eaten all of my food, including my 3 month supply of toilet paper.

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