To expedite the launch of COVID-19 self-test kit vending machines on campus in time for the fall semester, Logistics onboarded 30 additional staff members, including the team responsible for monitoring the machines and responding to any issues. The team prepares over 2000 self-test kits each day and refills the 14 machines three times a day. Leveraging UC San Diego’s robust supply chain operations in this way has contributed to the fast roll-out of these critical services.

In addition to maintaining the COVID-19 self-test kit vending machine program, the Logistics team also manages the collection of wastewater samples in support of Return to Campus. The team retrofitted 70 wastewater machines to be deployed, and added 8 golf carts and 5 lockers to campus. With advanced technology, increased safety, and expanded services levels, the team is making campus operations more efficient and sustainable.

Logistics is also working on a new program to provide Per Khans and employees with access to reduced-cost prescription medications through a partnership with Walmart. The program will allow employees to purchase medications online using a credit card or payroll deduction, making it easier and more convenient for employees to access the medications they need.

In the coming weeks, we will be highlighting additional ways in which Logistics is working to improve campus operations and services. Stay tuned for updates and join us for Office Hours, training sessions, Hypercare meetings, and IPPS Advisory Committee meetings, which will give you real-time insight into the issues we are aware of and proposed solutions.

Thank you for your support and partnership in making UC San Diego a leader in sustainable and efficient campus operations. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for how we can continue to improve our services and support campus operations.

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