

We Got a New Lab!!

The Pros and Cons of the Moving Process

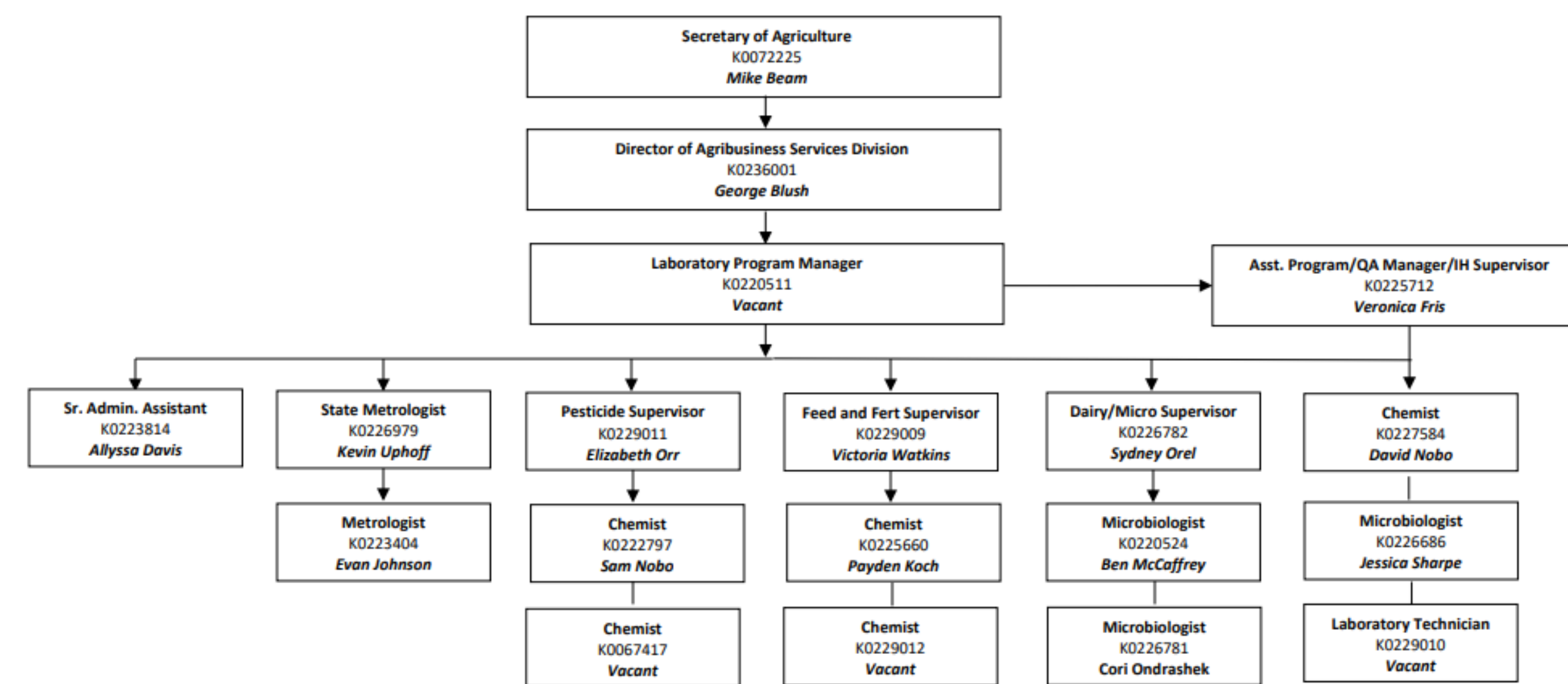
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Who We Are and What We Do

The KDA Laboratory performs a wide range of diverse testing across several different laboratory sections.

Kansas Department of Agriculture Laboratory Organizational Chart



KDA Divisions Using KDAL Services

Dairy

Meat and Poultry

Pesticide and Fertilizer

Food

Feed

Hemp

Weights and Measures



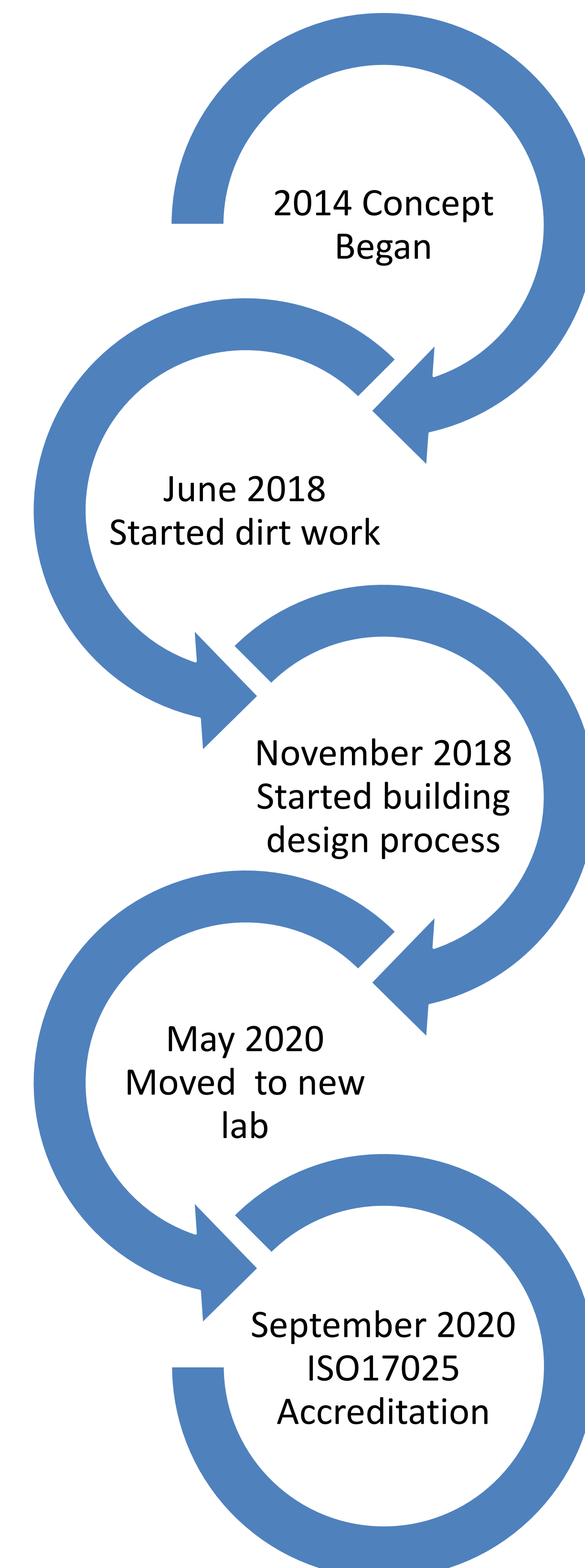
Lab staff on the job site

The Old Lab

KDAL moved to the old lab in 1995. The building was not built to house a lab and much of the cabinetry, countertops and other equipment was moved from the old state hospital, built in the 1940's.

We were outgrowing the functional space and needed more room for storage.

The Process

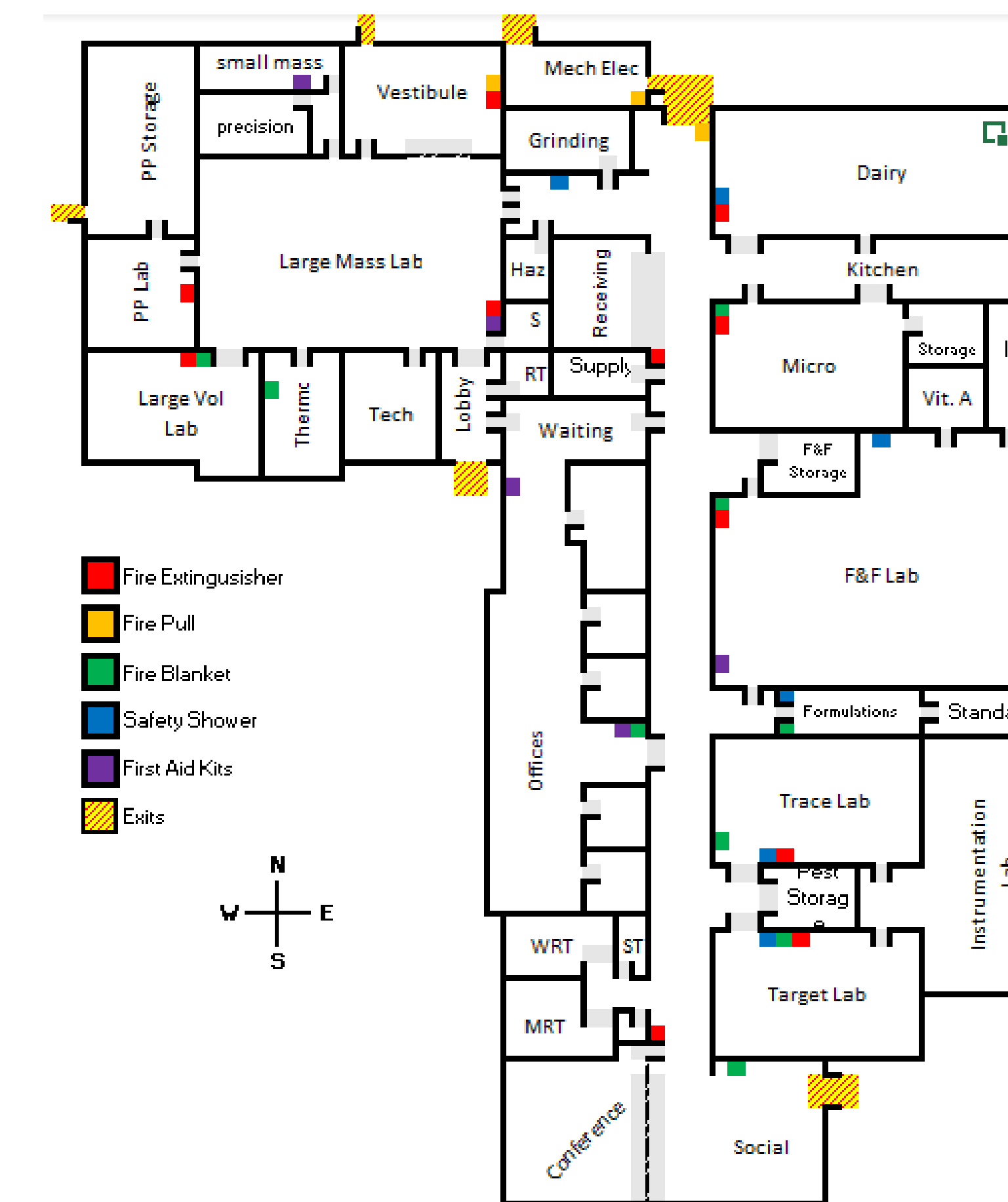


- ✓ Building designed by KDAL staff
- ✓ KDA programs given a lot of advanced notice
- ✓ Donated glassware and small equipment to schools
- ✓ Vendors moved sensitive equipment and hired a moving company for the rest
- ✓ Nebraska helped cover lapses in capabilities
- ✓ ISO recertification done virtually due to COVID

The New Lab



New furniture and cabinetry
New equipment: 2 new fridges, oven, autoclave, incubator
Much better DI system
Close to KDA headquarters and Kansas State University
Easy to clean and keep clean
Storage space
Room to grow



Challenges

“Every room in the lab is like designing a chef's kitchen, two years in advance.”
– George Blush

- State surplus was closed due to COVID
- Electrical bill much higher than expected
- Gas lines needed to be rerouted
- HVAC system malfunction
- Coordinating schedules with vendors due to COVID restrictions
- Lab countertops were defective and had to be replaced



Glassware donation to schools