

GMC and Covid-19 Task Force Ready to Monitor Incoming Freshmen Health

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Concerning the admission of incoming freshmen, the UGM campus will conduct health examinations for prospective students from the applied DIV, undergraduate, and graduate programs. Despite the obligation of bringing the result of rapid tests from their origin area, UGM remains to implement the strict health protocol at GMC after they arrived in Jogja. This medical inspection still in propose to prevent the transmission of Covid-19. "Indeed, the students brought rapid test results from the area of origin. However, when they arrived in Jogja, they need to confirm as well as recheck their health at the GMC related to Covid-19. If they come from the red zone or there are medical indications, we direct them for having independent isolation in the student dormitory," said one doctor from the Gadjah Mada Medical Center (GMC) clinic, Dr. Yuanita on Friday (12/6).

Yuanita said that for UGM first-year students who did not indicate being exposed to Covid-19, they remain to be better continued to carry out independent isolation for 14 days at their respective boarding houses. However, they would keep being monitored from the UGM covid task force. "Those with no indications can carry out independent isolation in their respective boarding houses. GMC has assistance from volunteers, while task force will conduct monitoring for 14 days," she said.

This independent isolation, according to Yuanita, as one of the Covid-19 prevention protocol standards and following the direction of the Sleman Regent, Sri Purnomo, requested that they

record and examine the health of new students boarding around the campus.

Ideally, all freshmen will be tested for Covid-19 through rapid tests or swabs. However, not all will be immediately conducted rapid tests when they arrive, "We only do rapid tests at GMC for some underprivileged students such as Bidikmisi scholarship recipients and students with UKT 1 and 2," she said.

According to her, GMC medical officers only conduct clinical examination and monitoring for 14 days. However, in the middle of the monitoring process, some clinical symptoms or signs lead to covid. GMC will soon provide treatment if necessary. "A new swab test will be conducted if the results of the rapid test are reactive. Every day, the mechanism scheduled with a quota of 200 participants with four doctors," he explained.

Concerning the matters of boarding owners in the environment around the campus about covid contagion when receiving new students to board, Yuanita said that his team with the UGM covid task force team would approach and socialize to the boarding owners. "We are currently approaching the community, including for the independent isolation protocol, and will be further informed by the Covid Task Force team," she said.

In addition to conducting medical examinations to prevent covid for prospective first-year students, the GMC also conducts routine rapid tests for final year students who will research in the laboratory. "At present, the mandatory rapid test at GMC is students who will conduct research or final work in the laboratory," he concluded.

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