

UGM Increases the Intensity of Health Promotion to Prevent Covid-19 Transmission

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UGM remains to trace one of its graduates who have just tested positive to Covid-19. Preliminary results, three people tested positive for Covid-19 from the swab test results.

Chairman of the UGM 19th Task Force Co Dr. dr. Rustmadji, M. Kes., said that UGM intensively traced its academic community who had previously been in contact with Covid-19 positive confirmed of the graduate.

"The trace indicates that the graduate that was tested positive for Covid-19 had close contact with some people. There are three of them tested positive for Covid-19 from the swab test results," he explained on Monday (3/8).

Adji said that three people who tested positive for Covid-19 included two education staff (Tendik) and one student at the UGM Faculty of Engineering. Education staff who are infected are employees who have been in close contact when they were assisting in the diploma program. At the same time, the other one is a friend contacted with the graduate.



"At present, we have given treatment and isolate the community members who have confirmed positive for Covid-19," he said.

Besides conducting a swab for UGM academicians who had close contacts with the alumnus, Adji said that he also conducted a rapid test on the academics who had not had close contacts either.

"We conducted rapid for about 20 people, and we proceed to monitor for the second rapid on 7 August. In the meantime, we ask them to do isolation independently for 14 days, and we also provide a place of isolation," he explained.

To break the chain of Covid-19 transmission in the campus environment, Adji said UGM remains to carry out tracing and intensify health promotion of prevention of Covid-19 transmission. Health promotion conducted in relevant to the correct use of masks ranging from how to use and how to remove it, keeping a distance, washing hands, and time restrictions on office services.

While the Substitute Dean of the UGM Faculty of Engineering, Ir. Muhammad Waziz Wildan, M.Sc., Ph.D., conveyed the chronology of alumni from Cambodia who tested positive for Covid-19. Before leaving to his homeland, he had conducted rapid tests in Yogyakarta with non-reactive results. However, after arriving in Cambodia, he carried out independent swab tests following local procedures, and it turned out to be positive confirmed results of Covid-19.

"When we got the news that the swab showed a positive result of Covid-19, we along with the UGM Covid-19 Task Force directly traced people who have either had close or not close contact," he explained.

Waziz said his party along with the Covid-19 Task Force immediately ran the tracing because before returning to Cambodia, the graduate had visited the campus to take a diploma at KPFT for managing the files in the Department of Chemical Engineering.

Next, they also immediately conduct the test in the form of a rapid test and swab to people who either have had close or not close contact. Besides, they also disinfect the spaces that had been used by the person who tested positive for Covid-19, and the area is temporarily closed office services from 3-5 August 2020.

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