

UGM Starts (Limited) Face-to-face Learning from August


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Some people think that face-to-face learning has more effectiveness rather than online learning. These collective opinions have brought Universitas Gadjah Mada to initiate an offline meeting starting from August 2021 with the condition that it is only for students who live in DIY and Central Java. This condition is due to the implementation of the face-to-face meeting that will be started gradually depending on the Covid-19 update. However, consent from their parents is also necessary.

Prof. Dr. Ir. Djagal Wiseso M. Agr., as a Vice-Chancellor for Education, Teaching and Student Affairs, stated that this implementation would be in line with the growth and update from Covid-19 cases after Eid al-Fitr. If the pandemic is well-handling after Eid al-Fitr, UGM will implement face-to-face learning by August. Otherwise, if the cases have increased tremendously, UGM should cancel this plan for October or November. "We prepare both scenarios," said Djagal to the reporters on Thursday (25/3).

Before implementing face-to-face learning, students are required to submit permission and allowance letters from their parents. Not to mention, students that are able to join this face-to-face learning are only students from Central Java and DIY. "We attempt to implement face-to-face learning and prioritizing health protocols gradually," he said.



Besides, students are also required to check their health condition of free-covid19 using the GeNose detection tool. “We will periodically check their health conditions using GeNose,” he stated.

He also added that UGM has a target that the whole lecturers and all education staff in UGM should have been vaccinated before this face-to-face learning. Last week, the vaccination for the elderly group was going well. Shortly, lecturers and education staff from non-elderly groups will soon be vaccinated.

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