

QC MAYOR URGES PARENTS TO HAVE KIDS VACCINATED AGAINST MEASLES

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QUEZON City Mayor Herbert Bautista urged parents to bring their children six months to five years old to the nearest health center to have them vaccinated against measles. “Measles vaccine is safe and free in all health centers and public hospitals,” Bautista said after meeting with city health officials, following the declaration of a measles outbreak in Metro Manila. “We received reports of increasing measles cases as early as the 2nd week of January that’s why we immediately activated our Outbreak Response Immunization plan wherein our community health workers were sent out to administer vaccines to children age six months to five years old,” City Health officer Verdades Linga said on Wednesday. From January 1 to 26, a total of 108 cases of measles with eight deaths were reported to the QC Health Department (QCHD). The most affected was the 1 to 4 years old age group. As of February 1, a total of 965 children have been vaccinated. The QCHD is also tracing “active defaulters” or children who have missed their scheduled measles immunization.