

Belmonte forms task force vs nCoV

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The Quezon City government yesterday formed a task force to monitor suspected cases of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

Mayor Joy Belmonte said while the city remains free of nCoV, the local government is taking proactive measures against the possible spread of the viral disease.

“Mabuti nang handa kaysa bigla na lang tayong mabulaga ng mga kaso ng coronavirus. We will do our best to prevent the entry of nCoV in the city,” Belmonte said.

The task force is composed of three local health facilities: Quezon City Medical Center, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital and **Novaliches District Hospital**.

Other members of the task force are the **city health department, public affairs and information services department, barangay and community relations department and solid waste management department.**

Belmonte confirmed that a Filipino couple was brought to the San Lazaro Hospital in Manila after they sought treatment at the Diliman Doctors Hospital.

The couple had traveled to China, but did not manifest symptoms of nCoV, the mayor said. They were advised to undergo selfquarantine for 14 days.

Belmonte denied online reports about nCoV cases in the city, which she dismissed as fake news.

She advised the public to observe proper hygiene to avoid getting the virus.

Belmonte said local health facilities are ready to transport suspected nCoV patients to the San Lazaro Hospital.