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In an effort to maintain its status as being free from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the barangay of Krus na Ligas in Quezon City (QC) is placing itself under an indefinite lockdown.



WATCHMEN of Barangay Krus na Ligas in Quezon City carefully check the temperature of persons entering the neighborhood. The barangay is shutting its entrances to ensure it remains free from the coronavirus disease.

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Barangay chairman Ma. Maurina Magalong said the decision was based on a suggestion by the Office of the City Mayor.

“It is best to lockdown, so we can make sure or secure the entry of the virus in our barangay. We were encouraged to lockdown so that the cases in QC can be flattened,” Magalong said.

The barangay lockdown will be lifted once the Quezon City Government advises them to do so.

Meanwhile, 130 more individuals were apprehended by Manila police for violating the “hard” lockdown in force in Sampaloc district.

Of those detained in temporary detention facilities, 32 are at the Barangay 463 covered court on P. Paredes Street, 36 at the Barangay 581 covered court on Manga Street, 53 at the Barangay 420 covered court at the corner of R Magsaysay-A. H. Lacson and nine at the Barangay 424 basketball court on Nuguid Street.

PLt. Col. John Guaigui, Manila Police District Station 4 chief, said most of those accosted were attempting to buy food for their families.

The 48-hour lockdown in Sampaloc prohibits all residents from going out of their homes, except those granted exemptions by the local government.

The lockdown was in effect until 8 p.m. yesterday.

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“They may still go out with a quarantine pass, but they are just allowed within the premises of our barangay. We have a lot of shops here. We have five drugstores, grocery stores and a market. We almost have it all, including gadget repair shops,” Magalong said.

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Laundry shops will be allowed to operate provided they offer pickup and delivery service. Those who need to go to banks or medical facilities will provided transportation by the barangay following a schedule.

Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso thanked Armed Forces and police personnel for their help in enforcing the Sampaloc lockdown.

Bernie Ang, Secretary to the Mayor, said he was tasked to provide adequate food supplies to uniformed personnel assigned at the district.

The city government provided three square meals to 150 policemen and soldiers for the duration of the lockdown.

Domagoso ordered the “hard” lockdown to give way for city health personnel to conduct surveillance, assessment, tests and treatments on residents, since Sampaloc has consistently topped the city’s number of COVID-19 cases, both confirmed and persons under investigation.

The mayor said, “Words are not enough to thank our soldiers and policemen, under the able leadership of PBrig. Gen. Rolly Miranda.”