

## Belmonte asks hospitals: Ensure health workers' safety

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One in five positive cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Quezon City involves a healthcare worker, Mayor Joy Belmonte said yesterday as she called on hospitals to ensure the safety of their medical staff.

As of May 11, Belmonte said 390 out of 1,578 cases of COVID-19 in the city or around 24.7 percent work in hospitals.

Belmonte said the infection rate among health workers living in Quezon City is higher than the national average, which stands at 18 percent with 1,991 out 11,086 COVID-19 cases.

Data also revealed that most of the city's cases were traced to health workers' household members, the mayor said.

“We implore hospital owners and administrators to provide safer working conditions, more personal protective equipment and free virus testing to their staff,” Belmonte said. “They are already overwhelmed and exhausted. We must do our best to protect them as much as they care for the people.”