

## QC Mayor Belmonte tests positive for COVID-19

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Quezon City (QC) Mayor Joy Belmonte on Wednesday announced that she tested positive for coronavirus disease (COVID-19).



“Nais ko pong ipahayag sa lahat ng aking minamahal na QCitizens na ako po ay nag-positibo sa aking huling COVID-19 test. Nagpapasalamat po ako na agad itong natuklasan (I want to announce to all my QCitizens that I tested positive for COVID-19 in my latest test. I am thankful that this was discovered immediately),” she said in a statement.

According to the mayor, she is asymptomatic and is feeling well and under quarantine. The mayor's office is temporarily closed for disinfection while the city's epidemiology is tracking down all individuals she was in contact with. Belmonte earlier said she might contract the disease due to her visits to health centers, hospitals and areas under concern lockdown. She, however, feels no regret.

“Inihanda ko na po ang aking sarili at buong puso ko po itong tinatanggap (I have prepared myself for this. I accept this wholeheartedly),” she said.

Although following safety measures such as wearing face masks, washing hands and observing social distancing, the mayor said, she still got infected.

“Kaya sana ay magsilbi itong paalala na ang COVID-19 ay tunay na isang kakaibang sakit na dapat pagingatan pa nang lubusan (I hope that this would serve as a warning that COVID-19 is a unique disease which people should not ignore),” she said.

Belmonte assured her constituents that government service would continue despite her limited capacity to move around.

“Maraming salamat po, at asahan ninyong sa aking paggaling, muli po ninyo akong makakasama upang personal po akong makapaglingkod sa inyo [Thank you very much and I assure you that once I get well, I will be back to serve you again),” Belmonte assured.