

QC police: Unity, cooperation needed

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The **Quezon City Police District (QCPD)** is calling for sobriety, unity and cooperation amid an announcement by the local government placing the entire city under community quarantine against COVID-19.

Brig. Gen. Ronnie Montejo, QCPD director, said, in these trying times, “particularly in protecting our fellowmen from the dreaded disease, we appeal for the cooperation and understanding of everybody, especially when police will be implementing or conducting checkpoints during the duration of the community quarantine.”

The QCPD chief made the statement following meetings with the Quezon City mayor to implement immediate city-wide responses against COVID-19.

As a necessary precaution, we appeal to each and every one to be vigilant while remaining calm. As of 12 March 2020, Quezon City has on record a total of six confirmed cases, prompting the need for continued cooperation among government agencies for contact tracing, detecting cases and limiting widespread infection.

The community quarantine suspends travel to and from Metro Manila from today, 15 March until 14 April 2020 to limit the spread of the virus.

Quezon City Hall said, “These exceptional circumstances require the full cooperation of all stakeholders, including our citizens. As a necessary precaution, we appeal to each and every one to be vigilant while remaining calm, informed and compliant to the rules prescribed by the national government.”

It itemized a number of guidelines for residents, parents and the barangays, the private sector and retail establishments to be vigilant in monitoring their health and safety, adhering to the policy of social distancing, and avoid the spread of fake news.

It suggests that those who may have come into contact with individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 to voluntarily submit themselves to self-quarantine.

“As an immediate response, your local government continues its city wide disinfection to combat the spread of the disease, including the closure of identified public spaces, such as parks, covered courts, buildings and other facilities. We are continuously monitoring all persons under investigation and persons under monitoring within our city, preparing for isolation areas within our hospitals, and coordinating with other health institutions for assistance,” City Hall declared.