

QC signs deal for 750K COVID-19 vaccines

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte signed Wednesday a deal with British-Swedish pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca for the advance purchase of 750,000 coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) vaccines that will be distributed for free to residents of the city.

Around 375,000 Quezon City residents are seen to benefit from the vaccine purchase since two doses are needed for the vaccine to be effective.

In December 2020, the city government announced that they allocated a P1-billion budget for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines, syringes, personal protective equipment (PPE) sets, and other items needed for its vaccination program. (Minka Tiangco)