

QC health centers to issue travel clearances

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte advised residents planning to travel outside Metro Manila to secure their medical travel clearance from nearby health centers.

Belmonte said this was because the City Health Department (CHD) would no longer issue clearances and let health centers, including those in villages, do the job.

Dr. Esperanza Arias, CHD chief, encouraged “QCitizens” to go to their health centers, preferably in the afternoon when the volume of patients is low.

Residents who will secure a medical travel clearance should accomplish the downloadable health declaration form from [https:// quezoncity.gov.ph/wpcontent/ QCH D-Health-DeclarationForm.pdf](https://quezoncity.gov.ph/wpcontent/QCHD-Health-DeclarationForm.pdf).

They should also bring a government- issued identification card and a barangay clearance that will verify their residence and will show that they are not in the list of coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid- 19) suspects, probable or confirmed individuals, the city official said.

Applicants who will bring with children aged 18 years old and below must present documents showing their relation to the minor such as a birth certificate.

Meanwhile, applicants who will be accompanied by senior citizens or those 60 years old and above must present documents indicating that they have the same residence.

The complete list of health centers per district can be accessed at [https:// quezoncity.gov.ph/qcitizenguides/how-to- get- a medical- travel- clearanceanda- travel- pass/](https://quezoncity.gov.ph/qcitizenguides/how-to-get-a-medical-travel-clearanceanda-travel-pass/).

“Applicants must go to the health center located at or near their barangay. They must also take note of the doctor’s schedule before heading to the center,” Arias said.

In instances when the assigned doctor is unavailable or schedules do not match, the applicants are advised to proceed to the next nearest health center within the same cluster in their district, the CHD head said.