

Nazarene devotees asked to take virus test

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Quezon City residents who participated in last weekend's Feast of the Black Nazarene have been asked to undergo swab tests, especially those who are exhibiting symptoms of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19).

The QC local government said the test is a precautionary measure to prevent a surge in Covid-19 cases in the city.

Reports indicated that about 400,000 devotees flocked to Quiapo Church and nearby churches to attend the 15 hourly Masses celebrated in lieu of the traditional traslacion on Saturday, 9 January.

The barangays then will refer them to the nearest testing site and health center where they can undergo free Covid-19 testing.

Earlier, the city government also requested the Manila Police District for a list of Quezon City residents who signed the health declaration forms, so that they may be endorsed to their respective barangays for monitoring.

Dr. Rolly Cruz, head of the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit, advised those who attended the event and are now experiencing symptoms such as cough and flu to coordinate with their barangays.

"The barangays then will refer them to the nearest testing site and health center where they can undergo free Covid-19 testing," Cruz said.