

City vaccine plan covers 1M individuals

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Quezon City **Councilor PM Vargas** said the city is ready to have its residents vaccinated following the comprehensive plan developed under the leadership of the city mayor.

Under the QC Protektodo vaccination plan, the inoculation process has three phases: pre-vaccination, vaccination and postvaccination. The entire procedure is estimated to last 45 minutes, with 30 minutes allocated for observation of a patient after the administration of the shot.

The city has placed 1,047,027 individuals on the priority list, of which 3,292 are government and 18,325 are private health workers, who are in the lead of those to be vaccinated. Also in line are 1,410 government and barangay officials and 20,000 law enforcers.

Rep. Alfred Vargas of the QC 5th district lauded the city mayor for including 300,000 senior citizens, 20,000 persons with disability and 703,000 indigents in the QC ProtekTtodo plan “Being one of the biggest cities in Metro Manila, we must all work together and make sure that our residents are protected from the pandemic. Our mayor has a good plan and the sooner we are able to implement vaccination of a majority of our residents, a certain level of normalcy will be reached which will allow fully opening up business in line with President Duterte’s vision,” Rep. Vargas said.

The **Quezon City local government** entered into a contract with Zuellig Pharma for the distribution of vaccines across the 26 vaccination centers from its warehouses, which can accommodate 3.6 million doses. Transportation of these will only take 30 minutes per site. Congressman Vargas said the city government has already paid the 20 percent down payment to Astra Zeneca for 1.1 million doses of the vaccine.

However, he warned QC residents not to let their guard down and stay vigilant until the vaccines arrive.

“We should continue to be careful against Covid-19 and follow all health protocols until we are able to reach herd immunity,” the solon said.