

## QC councilor: Closer public-private coordination needed vs Covid-19

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WITH experts warning against an alarming rise in cases in several areas of the country including Metro Manila, Quezon City Councilor Mikey Belmonte called on organizations from the private sector to work more closely with the government in enacting new measures to prevent the further spread of Covid-19, especially with new variants detected in recent cases.

The second district councilor noted that two barangay (villages) in Quezon City, Batasan Hills and Commonwealth, that Octa Research said had the highest daily number of cases from February 28 to March 6 were in his district while Quezon City experienced sharp increases in the number of cases of over 40-per-cent increase per week.

Belmonte, who chairs the City Council Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry, called on businesses and workplaces to review and improve its current policies on Covid-19 prevention in accordance with regulations set by the local government.

Seeking to protect the general welfare of all Quezon City residents from another surge in transmission, Belmonte stated that he intends to focus on commercial and food establishments, which are dense hubs of foot traffic in the city.

Business owners are advised to reach out to the Business Permits and Licensing Department to receive a unique QR code per establishment while lessees inside larger establishments such as malls are advised to have individual contract tracing logs.

All information on contact tracing must be made available to the City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit if necessary.