

QC rolls out centralized contact tracing system

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THE **Quezon City government** has launched “KyusiPass” — a centralized contact tracing system covering more than 80,000 business establishments — in an effort to curb the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the city.

Business establishments in the city would be provided with quick response (QR) codes for their customers or clients to scan using a smartphone. All information gathered will be stored in a secured and confidential system.

“It’s only the City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU) that can see the data of businesses that use the KyusiPass. Even the **BPLD (Business Permits and Licensing Department)** has no access to them,” said BPLD chief Margie Santos.

CESU chief Dr. Rolando Cruz said the KyusiPass would make contact tracing easier for the local government in the event of an outbreak.

“Without delay we can contact people who have been identified in exposure sites,” Cruz said.

To secure a QR code, business owners must email their requests containing the name of their establishment and mayor’s permit number to kyusipass.bpld@quezoncity.gov.ph.