QC launches contact tracing app

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The Quezon City government yesterday launched a centralized web application for more than 80,000 registered businesses to make the process of contract tracing more efficient to curb the spike of COVID-19 cases.

Under KyusiPass, a contact tracing system, all business establishments in the city are provided with free QR codes that would serve as a unique location monitoring code for customers or clients to scan.

Margie Santos, who heads the city's business permits and licensing department (BPLD), assured the public that all their personal information will remain confidential.

"Only the city epidemiology and disease surveillance unit (CESU) will see the data on those who checked in using KyusiPass. Even we in the BLPD do not see the data," she said in a statement.

CESU head Dr. Rolly Cruz said the contact tracing app is "efficient in the event a COVID-19 outbreak hits an area of the city. Without delay we can contact people who had been at identified exposure sites."

Commercial establishments can send an email to kyusipass.bpld@quezoncity.gov.ph to get their unique moni-toring code.