

## Belmonte: COVID infections in QC transmitted at work

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The **Quezon City government** has identified the workplace as a COVID-19 hotspot as more than 100 fresh cases were found to have contracted the virus at work.

Data from the City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU) showed that 104 or 14 percent of 722 COVID-19 cases from Feb. 28 to March 13 were transmitted in workplaces.

The infections then spread in households, making homes the most common setting for virus exposure with 256 cases, according to the CESU.

“Reports showed that household transmission stems from one member of the household acquiring the virus from his workplace,” **Mayor Joy Belmonte** said.

Belmonte said the local government would check the compliance of workplaces with health protocols.

Under the city’s supplemental health guidelines, all business establishments are required to create a COVID-19 task force that would implement safety protocols, contact tracing, disinfection and provide services to employees such as transportation.

“If an employee is showing symptoms of the virus or came in close contact with a COVID-19 positive patient, then that should be immediately brought to our attention,” CESU chief Rolly Cruz said.

“All workplaces are expected to follow these health protocols to ensure that COVID outbreaks are prevented and to minimize exposure risks among workers,” he added.