## Ease load for students in lockdown - Belmonte

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Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte yesterday stressed the importance of providing academic ease to students and teachers, especially those in areas placed under special concern lockdown due to rising COVID-19 cases.

She reiterated a memorandum issued by the Department of Education last year, which allowed schools to determine activities contained in the selflearning modules and allowed for flexibility in the schedule for submission in the said activities.

"Due to the pandemic, all systems including the academic institutions had to find a way to continue working despite the physical limitations. This brought several challenges to our students and teachers," Belmonte said.

City education affairs unit head Aly Medalla said families in locked-down areas are covered by academic ease.

The unit recently began an evaluation of the blended learning modes for basic education to determine if the current support of the local government is sufficient for the needs of the schools. The city government started rolling out its vaccination program on Monday.

Belmonte and District 6 Rep. Kit Belmonte led the inoculation of community frontliners at Placido del Mundo Elementary School in Barangay Talipapa.

The city health department aims to inoculate at least 6,000 frontliners.