Over 13,000 frontliners in Qc vaccinated

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A total of 13,464 health workers and other frontliners in Quezon City have been inoculated with COVID-19 vaccines, according to the city government.

Those who were inoculated include 1,100 healthcare workers at the Quezon City General Hospital; 6,815 frontliners from public and private hospitals in the city, and 5,549 other frontliners from the city's six districts.

The records do not include medical frontliners in Level 3 hospitals under the Department of Health such as the East Avenue Medical Center and National Kidney Transplant Institute. The city government has opened six vaccination centers for medical and non-medical workers who are living or working in Quezon City.

These include doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists, medical technologists, psychologists, laboratory aides or technicians, workers in nursing homes, home care workers, employees in standalone clinics and diagnostic centers, ambulance personnel as well as school clinic personnel. Members of the city epidemiology and surveillance unit, barangay health emergency response teams and disaster risk reduction and management office have been inoculated with Sinovac and AstraZeneca vaccines.

"To get our frontliners vaccinated is an achievement since this will provide them protection, especially in the performance of their duties. It is our responsibility to make sure that all our healthcare workers, including support teams are safe from the virus," Mayor Joy Belmonte said. Earlier, city health officer Esperanza Arias denied reports that some police officers were given preferential treatment in the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines for frontliners.

Arias said no one jumped the line during the vaccination of frontliners at the Aguinaldo Elementary School this week.