Punish vaccine line jumpers - solon

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Quezon City Representative Precious Hipolito Castelo on Friday called for swift punishment for those who have jumped the prioritization list for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) vaccines.

"Show cause orders and citations of law or rules are not enough. We should have instant sanctions for vaccine queue jumpers and those with command responsibility for violations to set the example for all concerned and the general public," she said in a statement on March 26.

Castelo was referring to reports that several mayors have been inoculated ahead of medical frontliners.

She explained that it is only by imposing penalties swiftly on violators and responsible officials could the government send the message that it is "dead serious" in enforcing pandemic response measures impartially.