

QC vax line jumpers face penalties

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The **Quezon City local government** has warned it will punish non-frontliners who will jump the line for Covid-19 vaccines and the city health workers who allow this to happen.

The city government issued a statement following allegations on social media regarding non-frontliners who allegedly received coronavirus vaccines from city health workers.

City officials said they will look into all the allegations, and if proven to be true, they will not let them get away with it.

Officials also warned they will do everything they can to make sure those who jump the line are punished.

City health workers were told to strictly adhere to established protocols relative to the vaccine recipients in accordance with the prescribed order of priority.

“If we do not follow the law, we will not be given the vaccine that our health workers need to do their jobs without imminent danger,” a city official said.

City Legal Officer Atty. Orlando Casimiro said all those involved in the undue and premature administration of vaccines shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, with the filing of administrative and criminal charges as may be appropriate.

Casimiro said cases for violation of Republic Act (RA) 3019, or the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, and RA 11332, or the Mandatory Reporting of Notifiable Diseases and Health Events of Public Health Concern Act, may be filed against those who jump the line, including the city workers who allow them to do so.

If police officers are involved, complaints may also be filed before the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the People’s Law Enforcement Board for possible administrative liability.