

Vaccination sites set up in QC malls

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Quezon City malls have also turned into vaccination sites as the local government partnered with private sectors to ramp up its program to protect its constituents against coronavirus disease (COVID19).

Retail giant store SM's North EDSA branch opened on April 12 a vaccination site at its Sky-dome "to cater to mall employees who reside in the city and are medical frontliners, senior citizens and persons with comorbidities" to help the local government expedite its vaccination process.

Aside from mall employees, qualified residents living in the barangay and in nearby villages where the mall is located were also inoculated.

"The city has had numerous partnerships with the private sector throughout the pandemic, and we're glad to be working with them still as we vaccinate our residents and immunize them against COVID," Mayor Joy Belmonte said in a statement Tuesday, adding the partnership "addresses the lack of available healthcare workers who will conduct vaccination among residents."

The local government said more vaccination sites are expected to open in several SM branches in the city "to cover the target employee population."

It added, "the city is also currently in talks with other private sector groups," including the management of the Robinson, Ayala, Araneta and Eastwood malls as well as the Information Technology and Business Process Outsourcing sectors, which are all "considered essential establishments during Enhanced Community Quarantine classification," it added.