

QC, private sector partner in vaccine rollout

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The SM Supermalls has joined the vaccination rollout of the **Quezon City (QC) government** by putting together its own team of doctors and nurses to help inoculate the city's senior citizens and individuals with comorbidities.

According to the city mayor, QC has had numerous partnerships with the private sector throughout the pandemic, and they will be working until they have already vaccinated the residents against Covid.

This partnership will address the lack of available health care workers who will conduct the vaccination among residents.

The mayor said they have agreed the firm's medical team can give the shots to qualified SM employees who reside in QC, provided that this will be supervised by the **City Health Department**.

Last Monday, the city opened a vaccination site at the SM City North EDSA Skydome to cater to mall employees who reside in the city and are medical frontliners, senior citizens, and persons with comorbidities ages 18 to 59 years old, or those who fall under A1 to A3 categories, respectively.

Also vaccinated at the site were qualified senior citizen residents of Barangay Sto. Cristo, where the mall is located, and its nearby barangays.