

# QC lacks doctors, hospital beds

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The Quezon City local government has admitted it does not have enough doctors, while city-run hospitals have already reached their full capacity.

The Quezon City General Hospital has 145 Covid patients for a 114 percent occupancy rate, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital has 72 patients for a 133.33 percent bed capacity and the Novaliches District Hospital has 44 Covid-19 patients for a 115.79 percent occupancy rate.

On the other hand, the city's community care facilities have also reported a similar trend. The Hope I facility has 70 beds with 66 of them occupied, while Hope II has 96 patients for its 134 beds. Hope III has 91 patients for its 97 beds, and Hope IV has 133 patients for its 181 beds.

Hope V has 150 patients when it can only admit 148 cases, and Hope VI has 426 patients where it only has beds for 126 patients.

In total, this places the occupancy rate for Covid cases at 63.07 percent.

The QC local government also said it was now hiring medical doctors to address its lack of physicians. To date, patients in the quarantine facilities are now being monitored by health workers.

Meanwhile, some of the quarantine facilities designated by the Caloocan City local government are also almost full due to the rise in Covid-19 positive cases.

According to the recent record by the Caloocan Health Department, the city now has a total of 1,233 active cases.

Caloocan City Mayor Oca Malapitan asked his constituents to continue to be careful and follow safety protocols to avoid infection by the virus.

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Although the quarantine facilities are crowded, the Caloocan government is making sure that Persons Under Investigation (PUI) who show mild symptoms or even those who test positive for Covid-19 can still be sent to a quarantine facility.

These are the Kanlungan Quarantine Facility, Astrotel Hotel located at Monumento Circle and Macario B. Asistio High School in Barangay 14.

Oca said all PUI in the facility are immediately tested, and those who test positive for the virus will be immediately transferred to the designated Covid-19 centers or hospitals by the Department of Health.

“All our actions are aimed at curbing the spread of Covid-19 in our city. Therefore, I assure you that our security will be strict and standard protocols will be followed at all times,” Malapitan explained.

As of 4 April 2021, Quezon City has 51,425 total Covid cases, of which 11,728 are active cases. Those who have recovered now total 38,787, while those who have died total 910 individuals.