

Help promote swab test

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte on Saturday called on actress Angel Locsin to help the city government promote mass testing for early detection of Covid-19.

“I am calling on Angel to get involved in the city’s initiative to curb Covid-19 transmission through early detection,” said Belmonte, adding the actress should encourage those who went to the community pantry she organized to take a swab test.

Locsin was in hot water after an elderly man collapsed while queueing at the community pantry she organized to mark her 36th birthday on Friday.

The Quezon City Police District was investigating the incident.

“While Quezon City will continue to throw its full support behind community pantry initiatives, this unfortunate incident should serve as an important reminder for organizers to coordinate all efforts with the barangay and if necessary, with the local government unit,” Belmonte said.

The Quezon City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU) invited the 3,000 or so fans of Locsin who went to the actress’ community pantry to avail of the city’s free swab testing service.

“We cannot set aside the possibility of infection due to the great number of attendees. It’s better to be sure so that we cannot infect our family and those in the communities,” CESU chief Dr. Rolando Cruz said.

Quezon City residents who want to avail of free swab tests can call 8703-2759, 8703-4398, 09161228628, 09086398086, 09310957737, or visit <http://bit.ly/QCfreetest>.