

QC notes declining cases amid spike

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After the recent spike in coronavirus disease (Covid-19) cases, Quezon City, according to the OCTA Research Group reported an improvement in its indicator numbers.

In its latest report, the average number of cases for 20 to 26 April dropped to 743 compared to 1183 average cases for the week of 30 March to 5 April which was considered as the peak of the recent surge.

From a reproduction of 1.59, the latest reproduction number now is 1.23, closer to the recommended reproduction number of the World Health Organization of less than 1. The positivity rate is slightly lower at 21 percent from 26 percent and the daily attack rate per 100,000 population was pegged at 23.60 percent.

The QC Mayor attributed the lower numbers to the improved Covid-19 strategy of testing, tracing and isolating.

“Our increased efforts on testing contact tracing, and additional isolation facilities have greatly helped curb the increase in numbers. We will continue to improve our systems so that we can prevent surges,” she said.

Average tests conducted per day have increased to 3298 which are conducted in three local government hospitals and 11 community-based testing sites located in six districts.

“We are seeing great improvements in Quezon City. We are positive that if the mitigating efforts being done by the local government will be sustained for 2 to 3 more weeks, the numbers will continue to decrease based on our projections,” OCTA Research Group Fellow Dr. Guido David said.

As of 29 April, the **Quezon City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU)** reported that active cases have decreased to 7,126 (8.8 percent). Meanwhile, recoveries account for 73,200 (90 percent), and deaths are at 995 (1.2 percent).