

## QC partners with malls for vaccination drive

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte said on Thursday the city government has partnered with malls to expedite the vaccination of residents against Covid-19.

“This is part of our effort to make it as easy as possible for our residents to get a shot and be protected against Covid-19,” Belmonte said.

She explained that by harnessing malls as vaccination sites, it will be easier for senior citizens and individuals with comorbidities who don’t know how to use online registration to book a vaccination appointment.

Vaccination bookings facilitated by barangay officials were ongoing at SM City Santa Mesa, Robinsons Magnolia, SM City Fairview and Robinsons Novaliches. The malls agreed to provide medical personnel that will administer the inoculation.

“Our private partners provide us with venue and manpower. In return, we provide them the vaccines and supervision in administering these. These partnerships not only help ramp-up our vaccination drive but also increase foot traffic in commercial areas that can help businesses recover amid the pandemic,” said Quezon City business permits and licensing department head Margie Santos.

Belmonte described the partnership as mutually beneficial, saying the more essential workers and priority residents vaccinated, the faster the city can achieve economic recovery.