

Police strict on mask wearing

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Newly-installed Philippine National Police chief Gen. Guillermo Eleazar reiterated the police will apprehend anyone caught not wearing a mask properly in public.

The directive is in line with President Rodrigo Duterte's order, who observed that despite the surge of Covid-19 cases, some people wear their mask "only for compliance."

P/Maj. Gen. Vicente Danao Jr., National Capital Region Police Office regional director, cascaded the instructions to Metro Manila's five police districts, reminding the arrests shall be guided by the principles of existing laws, local ordinances and other policies relative to the observance of minimum health standards.

Arrests cover the proper wearing of masks and face shields, physical distancing and following the provisions of Republic Act 11332.

In Quezon City, the local government has intensified the enforcement of various ordinances in response to the rising number of Covid cases since March, including City Ordinance 2936, which requires the wearing of masks in public places

Quezon City Police District chief P/Brig. Gen. Antonio Yarra disclosed he will continue the deployment of police officers 24/7, particularly in public areas to intensify police visibility. "QCPD will never cease to continue its mandate to fight all forms of criminalities, and will always be responsive to the needs of the community particularly during the pandemic," Yarra said.