

QC launches drive-through vaccination

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At least 200 people belonging to A1 to A3 priority groups have been inoculated at a drive-through vaccination site, which opened in a Quezon City mall this week.



The local government partnered with SM Malls to set up the inoculation station at SM Fairview, which aims to provide frontliners and senior citizens more options on how to get vaccinated.

“This is the result of our strong partnership with the private sector. This site will be convenient for those who will register in groups such as families, who will get vaccinated while in the comfort of their cars,” Mayor Joy Belmonte said yesterday.

Those accommodated at the drivethrough site underwent the usual process – registration, screening, vaccination and post-vaccination evaluation – while inside their vehicles parked in designated slots.

Only residents who pre-registered through the barangay-assisted booking scheme will be accepted at the drivethrough facility.

According to the city government, residents near the vaccination site may coordinate with their respective barangays for booking schedules.

“QCitizens, especially those who live busy lifestyles, please take advantage of this convenient vaccine service, guaranteed to take away no more than 45 minutes of your time,” Belmonte said.

On Thursday, Belmonte signed a partnership with the Anti-Crime and Terrorism Community Involvement and Support (ACT-CIS) party-list, which committed to send medical teams to vaccination centers in Quezon City.

Belmonte lauded the support of the ACT-CIS party-list, which was represented by broadcaster Erwin Tulfo and Ralph, son of Raffy Tulfo, during the signing of the agreement.

She thanked the party-list and the Tulfos for joining the city’s “Bayanihan sa turukan.”

“The doctors and nurses of ACT-CIS will greatly help in the city’s vaccination drive, accommodating more QCitizens

in the process,” Belmonte said.

She added the city government is ready to start vaccinating essential workers or those belonging to the A4 priority group.

Belmonte said the private sector prefers to start the vaccination of essential workers by Monday.

OCTA lauds QC

The OCTA Research Group on Wednesday lauded the **Quezon City government** for rolling out measures to improve its COVID-19 vaccination drive.

“Quezon City has vastly improved its vaccination capacity,” OCTA fellow Ranjit Rye said during the virtual Kapihan sa

Manila Bay forum. “It’s largely through feedback, it’s largely through the mayor’s effort to do a scientific approach to optimize the process.”

Rye commended the efforts of the city government in ensuring that vaccine recipients will not have to fall in line without assurance that they will get inoculated.

As of May 19, 272,046 medical frontliners, senior citizens and persons with comorbidities have been vaccinated in Quezon City.

Of the number of vaccine recipients, 67,652 people have received their second doses.

There are 35 vaccination sites across the city, up from the initial 24 venues identified by the local government when it laid out its vaccination plan.