

200 residents jabbed at QC's first drive-through

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QUEZON City has partnered with a big mall operator for its first drive-through vaccination center where over 200 residents have gotten their shots against Covid-19 since its opening early this week.

Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte said in a statement the jab site at the SM Fairview District 5 is “another product of our strong partnership with the private sector.”

“This site will be convenient for those who register in groups like a family who just have to drive-thru this site while in the comfort of their cars,” Belmonte said.

Those who will avail of this service will undergo the usual site registration, screening, vaccination and post-vaccination evaluation where patients will park their cars in designated slots, she adds.

The SM Fairview drive-through, which opened on May 17, serviced 100 residents from the A1 to A3 priority groups of Barangay Greater Lagro.

Local medical workers and volunteers assisted another batch of 110 individuals from neighboring Barangay Pasong Putik belonging to the same priority groups who were inoculated on May 18.

The city government said the drivethrough vaccination will resume on Saturday.

Only citizens preregistered through the barangay (village)-assisted booking scheme are accommodated while residents near the site may coordinate with their respective villages for a booking schedule at the same mall.

The city chief executive has encouraged “QCitizens” to book either through the “EZConsult” website or through barangayassisted booking.

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

Asked if there would be more drivethrough vaccination sites that would be launched in the coming days, Belmonte said they have not stopped from engaging with the private sector to be able to establish more for residents who want to have Covid-19 shots.