QC okays vax volunteers' allowance

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The Quezon City government has signed an ordinance granting volunteers in vaccination sites a daily allowance of up to P2,500, in order to provide proper compensation to the medical workforce and inoculate the city's residents.

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Under Ordinance SP-3024 s., 2021 or "An Ordinance Granting Daily Allowance to the Covid-19 Vaccination Volunteer Medical Staff," the city government will pay for food, transportation and other necessities of the volunteer medical staff serving at any of the city's Covid-19 vaccination sites.

Starting 1 June, anyone who will sign up as a volunteer will be remunerated per day based on the following categories: P2,500 for medical doctors, P1,400 for dentists and nurses, P1,300 for post-graduate interns, P1,000 for other allied medical professionals, and P800 for midwives.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilors Franz Pumaren, Eric Medina, Jun Ferrer, Donny Matias, and Lala Sotto-Antonio.