

## QC calls on businesses to require 'KyusiPass' upon customer's entry

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OVER 80,000 business establishments in Quezon City were directed to strictly implement the usage of KyusiPass, the city's accredited contact tracing app powered by Safepass, upon their customers' entry into their premises.

By complying with this, Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte said the city government will have the chance to assess how effective this system in contact tracing.

"We can see here how effective this KyusiPass. After the contact tracers' interview with our positive cases, we were able to trace these people who visited the exposure site an hour before and an hour after our confirmed case's visit within his most infectious period," she said.

Citing reports from the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit (CESU) from May 7 to 31, 2021, the city was able to identify 22,315 individuals through data gathered from KyusiPass who might have been exposed to 119 positive individuals.

According to CESU chief Rolando Cruz, they were notifying the exposed individuals and urged them to report immediately, especially if they are experiencing symptoms such as cough and fever.

Most of the confirmed cases visited establishments such as groceries, supermarkets, malls and corporate offices during their infectious period.

"KyusiPass makes our data management easier. It also helps us to trace exposed individuals faster and easier. That is why establishments should have KyusiPass and we encourage our citizens to make use of this app," Belmonte said.

Ordinance 3019-2021, also known as the "KyusiPass Ordinance," requires all business establishments within the city to set up a KyusiPass QR (quick response) code or provide a QR code scanner at their entrances.

Cruz said residents have nothing to worry about as data privacy is assured when using the data gathered from KyusiPass.

"Establishments will not be able to access their visitors' data. Only CESU is authorized to secure this information, and this will only be retrieved when contact tracing is needed," he said.

KyusiPass is also one of the necessary requirements to secure a Safety Seal, which signifies an establishment's compliance with minimum health protocols, the city officials said.