

QC breaks anew vax record

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The Covid-19 situation in Quezon City continues to improve week after week as vaccination efforts and granular lockdowns proved to be effective, according to the OCTA Research Group.

For the week of 15 to 21 June, OCTA reported that the average daily cases was reduced to 154 from 167 last 8 to 14 June. The daily attack rate per 100,000 population is also down to 4.90, compared to 5.30 the previous week.

The reproduction rate slightly increased to 1.08 while the positivity rate remained at 7 percent. The hospital bed occupancy in Quezon City is 53 percent and ICU occupancy is 55 percent, both within the safe levels prescribed by the Department of Health (DoH).

The city's Average Daily Attack Rate (DAR) per 100,000 is now 4.90, a significant drop from 37.58 in early April. ADAR is one of the two indicators being used by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) to determine the quarantine mode of a city or province.

A high ADAR indicates a high risk of getting Covid-19 in the city. An ADAR of less than one means low risk, 1-7 is moderate and more than that is considered high.

OCTA Research Group Fellow Dr. Guido David said that the improvements are consistent for the past weeks and moving towards better trends in the weeks to come.

"The decrease was a bit slower this week but what is important is that it is trending downward. Compared to the peak of the surge, we are at a safe level now as every indicative number has improved," Dr. David said.

While this is good news, the Quezon City mayor said that this must be sustained for the next weeks until the active cases have decreased to none.

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As of 23 June, the **City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit** reported that active cases in the city are at 1,578 or 1.6 percent of the total Covid-19 cases of 100,943.

The city's vaccination program also contributed to the improved numbers. On 23 June, the QCProtek-todo Vaccination Program posted a new record as it vaccinated 45,136 in one day, surpassing its own record for the third consecutive day. The day before, the city posted a record of 41,826 administered doses.

Prior to hitting these numbers, the city has been consistently reaching big numbers such as having around 27,000 vaccines for three consecutive days last 17 to 19 June and more than 37,000 last Monday, 21 June.

As of 23 June, the city government has administered 733,008 vaccines to 557,132 individuals with first doses, and 175,876 individuals with complete two doses.