

QC workers to get pandemic hazard pay

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THE Quezon City government has allotted P250 million for the hazard pay of workers who physically reported for work during the implementation of the enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) and modified enhanced community quarantine (MECQ).

Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte lauded the city council for passing a measure on the payment of hazard pay, saying city workers deserve to be fairly compensated for their sacrifices “especially since they face the inevitable risk of contracting the virus.”

“They deserve no less as they continue to support us in the delivery of our services and programs to the public,” she said.

Under the ordinance introduced by Councilors Donny Matias, Peachy de Leon and Franz Pumaren, all workers who occupy a regular, contractual or casual position or those engaged through a contract of service, job order, or similar schemes are qualified to receive P500 hazard pay per day of duty.

Meanwhile, barangay (village) personnel who occupy regular and contractual positions will receive a hazard pay of P200 per day from the city government as stated under a separate ordinance introduced by Matias and De Leon.

“Villages are also encouraged to draw from their funds and to add up to P300 maximum as hazard pay to their staff who were on duty during the period,” Assistant City Administrator for Fiscal Affairs Don Javillonar said.

The National Capital Region was placed under ECQ from March 29 to April 4, which was subsequently extended until April 11.

Several areas, including Quezon City, were placed under MECQ from April 12 to April 30 this year, which was extended until May 14.