

QC partners with businesses for employee vaccinations

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To encourage more workers to get vaccinated against COVID-19, the **Quezon City government** is partnering with local businesses to expand the city's inoculation program. Businesses and establishments with a minimum of 100 employees, a vaccination venue and medical team may sign up for the city government's company-assisted booking to enable on-site vaccination of their employees.

The initiative caters to workers who cannot take a leave from their work to get inoculated at the different vaccination sites established across the city.

Mayor Joy Belmonte earlier stressed the need for different approaches to the rollout of the vaccination program to reach as many residents and workers as possible.

Aside from the company-based vaccinations, the city has also rolled out a night vaccination program for workers who are free only in the evenings.

It also has home-based vaccinations for bedridden residents, as well as vaccination buses that are deployed to bring the vaccines closer to communities.

The local government, however, said availability of vaccines depends on the supply from the national government.

Starting Wednesday, it said only second doses would be administered at the vaccination sites as supply for first doses had run out. More residents will be scheduled for vaccination once more vaccines arrive, it added.

As of yesterday, the city government said it had administered 901,839 vaccines, including 663,828 first doses and 238,011 second doses.

The number of those who received their first dose represents almost 40 percent of the 1.7 million target to achieve population protection.