

QC identifies safe zones for children

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THE **Quezon City government** has identified 19 child-friendly safe zones where minors five years old and above may spend time for non-contact activities such as outdoor games, sports, exercise, outdoor swimming, other leisure activities and al fresco dining.

The Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases earlier eased restrictions on the movement of children. Under the guidelines, minors should be accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult guardian.

“Within the Child-Friendly Safe Zone, groups gathered together may not exceed ten persons and must continue following minimum health protocols,” the city said in a statement.

The safe zones include the Quezon Memorial Circle, Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, Quezon City Hall Urban Farming Area, Amoranto Stadium, Project 6 Park, Masambong Park, Manresa Park, Dapitan Park, IBP Park, Camerino Park, Project 4 Park, Bernardo Park, Roces Park, Hayaville II Park, Toro Hills Park, Project 4 Park, Blue Ridge B Park, Mira Nila Park and CP Garcia Park.

Other parks and similar suitable locations may apply for approval as a child-friendly safe zone with the **Parks Development and Administration Department (PDAD)** through PDAD@quezoncity.gov.ph.

Malls and other commercial establishments with open-air locations may apply for approval with the **Business Permits and Licensing Department (BPLD)** through admin.BPLD@quezoncity.gov.ph.