

QC ISSUES TAMPER-PROOF VAX CARDS

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The **Quezon City local government** has started issuing vaccination cards with tamper-proof security seals to ensure their authenticity. The new cards were rolled out yesterday at six vaccination sites to about 4,000 individuals who were scheduled to receive their second shot of the anti-Covid vaccine.

These cards will be issued to Qcitizen vaccinees until the national government begins implementing its centralized vaccination certification system.

The hologram seal on these cards will be countersigned by an authorized representative of the local government's Task Force Vax to Normal.

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Vaccination cards are also required for interzonal travel by some LGU.

"The original purpose of the city-issued vaccination card was merely to provide the necessary information related to an individual's vaccination, such as the date of the second dose, the vaccine brand administered, and who administered it. But given the delay in the rollout of vaccine passes or a centralized vaccination certification system by the national government, we are in the interim putting in place measures to make the vaccination cards more secure, especially for those requiring these for travel, work and other purposes," Quezon City Vax to Normal co-chair Joseph Juico said.

It is suggested that valid photo-bearing ID cards of fully vaccinated persons be presented to restaurants, shops and malls along with the vaccination cards to ensure these are not passed on to unvaccinated persons in attempts to claim incentives or for travel purposes.

"We need to promote the safety of everyone by providing other LGU, airlines and commercial establishments with evidence of a person's vaccination status. As we strive to revive the economy, our fully-vaccinated QCitizens should be allowed to enjoy more perks for responding to our appeal for inoculation. Hopefully, when the vaccine supply stabilizes, everyone who wants one can get a jab," the Quezon City mayor said.