

OVP, QC set up drive-through jab site

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The office of Vice President Leni Robredo has partnered with the **Quezon City government** to set up a drive-through COVID-19 vaccination site for delivery riders and drivers of public utility vehicles (PUV) in the city.



The two-day initiative, set up at Robinsons Novaliches, is expected to vaccinate some 5,000 drivers and riders who have pre-registered with the city government.

Those who were inoculated at the site received incentives, including post-vaccination care kits, P500 gift certificate for groceries and various items courtesy of OVP's partner organizations.

Mayor Joy Belmonte joined Robredo in a site visit yesterday to observe the process and express gratitude to the medical professionals and students who volunteered for the initiative.

Both officials underscored the importance of vaccinating drivers and delivery riders, especially given the threat of the more infectious Delta variant.

"Our drivers really have high exposure. They are exposed to customers, to the restaurants where they buy food during their daily struggle to earn a living," Robredo said in Filipino.

"Every single hour of work is important for them to support their families. This is why it is important for them to be vaccinated," she added.

Belmonte, for her part, said vaccinating PUV drivers and delivery riders also ensures the protection of their families, passengers and customers from COVID-19.

"Our city is very lucky to be included in the beneficiaries of the Office of the Vice President," she added.

The OVP previously partnered with the city governments of Manila, Naga and Iriga to establish Vaccine Express sites in their areas.

More than 12,000 PUV drivers, senior citizens and other members of priority groups were vaccinated through the initiatives.

In Quezon City, Belmonte expressed their willingness to establish more Vaccine Express sites in the city. She said over 1.78 million doses have already been administered since the start of the vaccination program, including 1.14 million first doses and more than 639,000 second doses.

No walk-ins are allowed in the city's vaccination centers, with residents and workers reminded to register online at <https://qceservices.quezoncity.gov.ph/qcvaxeasy> or through their respective barangays.