

QC managing virus cases well despite surge

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According to the latest report of the OCTA Research Group, Quezon City ranks 16th among Metro Manila cities in terms of average daily attack rate for the week of 24 to 30 August and was able to contain its cases despite the ongoing surge in the country.

Professor Guido David of the OCTA Research Group shared that the average new cases per day for 24 to 30 August is 694, lower than the 727 cases or -5 percent from the previous week. The reproduction number also dropped to 1.30, from the prior week's 1.53.

The daily attack rate is also at 21.79 (from 22.83), which makes it the second lowest in Metro Manila. Meanwhile, the positivity rate increased from 24 to 25 percent.

“While it may take maybe two more weeks based on our projections for cases to decrease, as long as big cities like Quezon

City continue to have lower growth rates or a decline, we can overcome this surge,” Prof. David said.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said Quezon City remains vigilant over the number of cases and applies the tried and tested strategies of increased tracing and testing, immediate isolation, and granular lockdowns, to manage the growth in the number of cases.

“Following the report of the Department of Health that we have recorded more than 22,000 cases in a day nationwide, this analysis of our numbers helps us see that our efforts are working. We have managed to improve our

Covid-19 responses over time and now we are seeing developments in managing surges,” Belmonte said.

As of 31 August, the total number of cases in the city has reached 131,681. Active cases are at 9,537 (7.3 percent) deaths at 1,335 (1 percent) and recoveries are at 120,809 (91.7 percent).