

Quezon City LGUs continue relief efforts to constituents

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THE spread of the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus has been an urgent concern of local government units in the Philippines. In Quezon City, the local government has implemented Special Concern Lockdown Areas (SCLAs) in locations where there is a high number of Covid-19 cases to help minimize transmission.

In August, there were 68 areas declared as SCLAs with 4,300 affected families or about 8,000 individuals. Earlier this month, the number of areas under SCLA had gone down to 56, with an estimated 2,669 families or 4,650 individuals affected.

Quezon City Fourth District Councilor Hero Bautista said the rapid spread of Covid-19 required an intensified effort from the LGU to help its constituents. Through his “Fight Covid-19” campaign, the councilor and his staff upped their relief efforts, visiting 38 barangay in the past three weeks.

During these visits, the team distributed face masks, face shields, hygiene and sanitation kits to residents in the areas. They have also installed automatic alcohol dispensers in every barangay in District 4 to encourage frequent sanitation.

Relief efforts have also been continuous. The office of Councilor Bautista has been regularly distributing food packs to frontliners as well as giving groceries to families affected by the lock down.

Bautista said, “The teams and I would be ready as early as five in the morning to start distributing relief goods, hot arroz caldo and hygiene kits. Fortunately, we’ve never been hit by Covid-19. We do regular swab tests to ensure that we aren’t infected.”