

Most Covid-19 patients in QC unvaccinated

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MOST Covid-19 patients in Quezon City are unvaccinated, according to a report by its **Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU)**.

Dr. Rolando “Rolly” Cruz, CESU are moderate, 10 are severe while chief, said out of 8,159 total active 20 have died. cases from August 8 to 21, about Of those fully vaccinated but 70 percent or 5,735 did not get inoculated got the virus, the CESU report said while 1,416 or 18 percent 1,031 were asymptomatic; 349, were fully vaccinated. mild; and 33, moderate.

The remaining 1,008 or 12 percent However, three confirmed cases, were partially vaccinated as all senior citizens with comorbidities, they were either waiting for their have died, the report said. second dose or have yet to pass the For those who were partially vaccinated two-week period after their second and were infected, 714 are dose to develop protection against asymptomatic; 271, mild; 19, moderate; the virus, Cruz said. one severe; and three died. The

Of those who were not vaccinated three fatalities, 49, 56, and 60 years and were infected, 4,619 are old, also had comorbidities. asymptomatic, 1,012 are mild, 74 **Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte** said the data showed vaccines were effective against Covid-19 and the city government’s aggressive efforts to achieve population protection were on the right track. “This review of our data greatly proves our vaccines work regardless of the brand. By releasing this information, we can inspire and encourage more of our residents and workers to register in our vaccination program,” Belmonte said.

As of August 24, the “QCProtektodo” vaccination program has administered a total of 2,271,833 doses to the local residents and workers.

Some 1,563,554 individuals or 91.97 percent of the 1.7 million target population received their first dose while 708,279 (44.09 percent) received their second shots.

Moreover, Cruz said these numbers would only prove vaccines provide protection the body needs to prevent severe illness.

“These vaccines continue to be highly effective in preventing hospitalization of confirmed Covid-19 patients. We have seen patients who are fully vaccinated are asymptomatic and thus can undergo isolation in facilities only, which also lessens the burden of our hospitals,” the CESU chief said.

The city officials again urged “QCitizens” and workers not to wait to be vaccinated.

“Please do register through your barangay (village) or our QCVaxEasy portal because as soon as vaccine supplies arrive, we will immediately contact you for your jabs,” they said. The QC Vax Easy portal can be accessed through: qceservices.quezoncity.gov.ph.