

QC targeting 150K vaccinees

Everyone is welcome in QC: Whether you are a resident, a worker, a student or just a visitor in QC, Juico said

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The **Quezon City government** plans to vaccinate around 150,000 individuals during the three-day national vaccination drive starting today until Wednesday, 1 December.

City officials said they will prioritize inoculating unvaccinated minors aged 12 to 17 and adults, as well as providing booster shots to healthcare workers, seniors and immune-compromised individuals.

“It’s all-systems go for Quezon City. We have tapped additional medical workers and partnered with malls and establishments to have more sites. We want to maximize the three days allocated for this vaccination drive,” **Mayor Joy Belmonte** said.

AstraZeneca vaccines procured by the city government since the start of the pandemic will be used in the drive. About 229,000 doses of the one million AstraZeneca vaccines ordered by the city have been delivered in batches.

“Good thing [is] that we have procured these many vaccines for our citizens. While we wait for the supply provided for by the national government, we can use our own vaccines as booster shots,” Mayor Belmonte explained.

Special vaccination sites shall be put up in malls such as SM North EDSA Skydome, Eastwood City, Robinsons Magnolia, Waltermart North EDSA, SM Fairview, SM Novaliches, Fairview Terraces, Fisher Mall, and Crossroad Parkway Mall.

Vaccination will also be done at SMART Araneta Coliseum and Elements at Centris. Fast-food chain McDonald’s also provided several branches as sites for pediatric vaccination.

In addition, the Philippine Medical Association shall also vaccinate healthcare workers in its office auditorium.

Meanwhile, the **QC Police District** and the **Bureau of Fire Protection-QC** shall also send additional medical workers to different inoculation sites.

Medical teams from partners such as the Tzu Chi Foundation, Healthway, National Grid Corporation of the Philippines and religious groups will also extend assistance.

Apart from administering first doses and booster shots, second doses for the pediatric and adult populations shall proceed as scheduled in other vaccination sites.

Dr. Malou Eleria, QC Task Force Vax to Normal Coordinator, said that vaccinees can choose the brand they want but the city can only provide the type of vaccine available in the sites.