

QC's positivity rate down to 1%

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QUEZON City, which used to have the highest Covid-19 cases in the country, now has a low positivity rate of 1 percent.

Quoting the latest report of the OCTA Research group, Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte said the city's Covid-19 indicators have continuously dropped proving the local government's effective response to the pandemic. OCTA noted that for the week of December 7 to 13, the city's positivity rate slipped to 1.11 percent from 1.29 percent the previous week.

The average daily new cases is 20, the lowest average since the pandemic peaked, the research group said in its report.

Meanwhile, the average daily attack rate per 100,000 population is .63 while the reproduction number slightly increased to .34 from .32 last week, OCTA added.

Belmonte expressed hope that the numbers will continue to decrease until the end of December.

"As we celebrate the Christmas season, QC citizens remain observant of the basic health protocols and the importance of getting vaccinated. This then resulted in a consistent decrease in Covid-19 indicators," the city chief executive said.

"We look forward to welcoming 2022 with renewed hope that the city and the rest of the country will recover from Covid-19," she added.

The city's Public Affairs and Information Service Department (Paisd) said that as of December 15, active cases are down to 257 (.14 percent), recoveries at 178,408 (98.96 percent) while deaths are at 1,624 (.9 percent) bringing the total of Covid-19 cases since March 2020 to 180,249 cases.

Also, for the first time since the peak of the pandemic, there are no areas under special concern lockdown, the Paisd said.

The city government also boasts of 1, 872, 743 fully vaccinated individuals or 110.16 percent of the target population to achieve population protection, according to Paisd chief Bert Apostol.