

## QC COVID cases lowest since March 2020

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The number of new COVID-19 cases in Quezon City has dropped to its lowest level since the start of the pandemic last year, according to the OCTA Research Group.

Citing data from the Department of Health, OCTA said the city recorded an average of 18 new cases from Dec. 10 to 16, down from 24 daily new cases in the preceding week.

“The current number is the lowest seven-day average in Quezon City since March 21 to 27, 2020, just three weeks after the first case of COVID-19 was recorded in Quezon City,” read the report.

Other indicators are at safe levels, with the city’s average daily attack rate at a “very low” 0.53 new infections per day per 100,000 people.

The reproduction number, which measures the infection rate of the virus, is at 0.36, while positivity rate is also at a “very low” one percent.

“Quezon City, practically speaking, is a very low-risk area using indicators based on covidactnow.org. Note that this does not reflect the alert level rating used by DOH and the IATF,” said OCTA.

“Quezon City residents will have a merrier Christmas compared to 2020. Nevertheless, we urge the public to stay vigilant and follow minimum public standards so that we will all enjoy a safe a holiday season,” it added.

Mayor Joy Belmonte earlier expressed hope that the numbers will continue to decrease until the end of the year.

“As we celebrate the Christmas season, QCitizens remain observant of the basic health protocols and the importance of getting vaccinated. This then resulted in a consistent decrease in COVID-19 indicators,” she said.