

Cash incentives for Philippine market vendors, workers who get jobs

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MANILA: Cash incentives will be given to market vendors and their workers who sacrifice their earnings for the day to get vaccinated against Covid-19 in Quezon city this month.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said the city government would give the 2,000 pesos cash incentives until Jan 31, online portal Philstar.com reported.

“Most of our market vendors cannot leave their stalls because of possible loss of income. So to encourage them to take a day off to get vaccinated, we will provide them with incentives.

“This programme seeks to protect market vendors and customers. If they get vaccinated, we are protecting them from the virus and improving the city’s overall immunity.”

She said the city government recognised the limitations faced by vendors, who may not be inclined to get vaccinated because they would lose their earnings for the day.

It had earlier approved an ordinance regulating the mobility of unvaccinated people in the city in line with a resolution issued by the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

Meanwhile, Grab Philippines may start Covid-19 testing for its unvaccinated drivers and delivery partners starting next week.

Grab Philippines said it was expanding its GrabProtect programme to include a weekly mandatory testing beginning Jan 17 in support of government policies on unvaccinated individuals.

The company said only those with negative test results from Grab-accredited testing sites would receive bookings from the platform.

“Grab continues to raise the bar on safety and hygiene to minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission on the platform,” it said.