

QC gov't preps vax drive for minors

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THE **Quezon City government** is ready to vaccinate children aged five to 11 years old against COVID-19 once the go signal is given in February.

Dr. Maria Lourdes Eleria, coordinator of QC Task Force Vax to Normal, said the city government is closely working with barangays, and both public and private schools to consolidate a master list of all children residing in the city from the ages of 5 to 11 years old.

“We are now synchronizing the list of children enrolled in our schools and those included in the census of our barangays so we can identify the number of children eligible for this round of pediatric vaccinations,” she said.

She clarified that the National Task Force Against COVID-19 and the Department of Health have yet to issue additional guidelines to aid the city toward properly implementing the vaccination program.

“We need to abide by the guidelines of the national government especially concerning issues such as the number of doses, requirements on eligible vaccination sites, protocols in administering the vaccines, and other special instructions for the safe implementation of the vaccine program for this younger population,” she added.

The Food and Drug Administration has already approved the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine for 5-11-year-old children.

The city government is also preparing its online registration system wherein parents can sign up their children for vaccination at the time and place of their choice.

The online registration shall be posted on the website of the QC Va Easy Portal (www.qceservices.quezoncity.gov.ph/qcvaxeasy) once available.