

QC READY TO VACCINATE CHILDREN

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte announced on Tuesday that the local government is all set for the vaccination of children 5 to 11 years of age.



She said the city is waiting for the go signal of the concerned authorities.

Belmonte told The Manila Times that they have been anticipating the vaccination rollout of this age bracket as she cited the high number of younger individuals infected with the highly transmissible Omicron variant.

The mayor’s statement came following the approval by the Food and Drug Administration of the emergency use authorization of the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine for children.

“Finally our younger children will be given the opportunity to receive the protection they so badly need in order to experience some kind of normalcy after having been cooped up for so long inside their houses to prevent the risk of infection,” Belmonte said.

Dr. Maria Lourdes Eleria, QC Task Force Vax to Normal coordinator, said the local government is closely working with barangay (villages) authorities and public and private schools to consolidate a master list of children residing in the city.

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

City officials said parents can sign up their children for vaccination through the online registration system that the local government set up for the purpose.

The online registration shall be posted on the website of the QCVaxEasy Portal (www.qceser-vices.quezoncity.gov.ph/qcvaxeasy) once available, they said.