

## Over 2M QC residents fully vaxxed – city gov't

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Over two million residents of Quezon City (QC) are already fully vaccinated while two million more received their first dose, the **QC Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU)** reported over the weekend.

As of Jan. 19, a total of 2,118,430 individuals (adults and minors), were fully vaccinated, including those who were given single-dose vaccine Janssen, the CESU record showed.

Those who received their first dose, on the other hand, were 2,151,990 individuals, including workers who took advantage of the local government's vaccination program along with non-QC residents.

The vaccination program also covered a total of 220,732 minors with or without comorbidity.

In all, CESU reported that 4,752,281 vaccine doses were already administered under the #QCProtek-TODO Vaccination Program through the help of healthcare workers, staff and volunteers.

CESU head Dr. Rolando Cruz said that the city government

“The crime is considered consummated even if no sexual intercourse had taken place since the mere transaction consummates the crime. It is sufficient that the accused has lured, enticed, or engaged its victims or transported them for the established purpose of exploitation, which includes prostitution.

“The gravamen of the crime of trafficking is ‘the act of recruiting or using, with or also beefed up its testing capacity with the acquisition of 100,000 rapid antigen test kits and continued collaboration with the Philippine National Red Cross for the expanded allocation of RT-PCR test kits, to accommodate and identify more residents who might have the virus.

Dr. Cruz said the local government also has more than 1,000 contact tracers who now do additional tasks such as community case monitoring, data collecting and encoding, validating reported cases, assisting in vaccination and monitoring the implementation of minimum public health standards.

CESU reported the numbers as some critics of **Mayor Joy Belmonte** blamed the local government over the surge of COVID-19 cases due to its new variant Omicron.

The city government explained that the Quezon City COVID-19 case count is comparatively high because it is testing more QCitizens, adding the figure actually validates its comprehensive efforts towards proper testing and contact tracing.

without consent, a fellow human being for sexual exploitation.

“Verily, while no sexual contact took place between the minor victims and the police officers, the same would not affect accused-appellant’s criminal liability. What consummates the crime of trafficking is the fact that accused-appellant transacted with the police officers and peddled private complainants for sex in exchange for money.”