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## DOH recommends quarantine to control pertussis spread in QC

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Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa has recommended isolating sick children within households affected by the disease in Quezon City in light of the rise in pertussis cases in the locality.

In a statement on Friday, April 5, Department of Health (DOH) said Herbosa made the recommendation during a meeting with Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte on April 4. The DOH said the meeting was convened to strategize effective responses to the escalating cases of pertussis in the city.

Belmonte acknowledged the presence of "unvaccinated pockets" among the city's children, as she underscored the urgency of vaccination efforts.

Assuring the public of the DOH'S commitment, Herbosa said comprehensive measures are underway to combat the outbreak.

He also reiterated the DOH'S call for public cooperation in vaccination campaigns, stressing the safety and efficacy of the vaccines.

The DOH highlighted the important role of immunization in preventing the spread of preventable diseases.

It also pledged continuous support to the Quezon City local government by providing necessary resources and expertise.