

- Vaccination—Pertussis

QC procures vaccines, antibiotics vs pertussis

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte said on Tuesday that the city government has procured P13 million worth of vaccines and antibiotics for the treatment of pertussis or whooping cough.

The Quezon City Health Department reported that pertussis has already resulted in the death of six children.

The 6-in-1 vaccine would provide protection against pertussis, diphtheria, tetanus, polio, haemophilus influenzae and Hepatitis B.

Meanwhile, the antibiotics Azithromycin and Clarithromycin would be used for the treatment of pertussis-positive patients.

“We have approved the purchase of needed vaccines and antibiotics so we can immediately provide the required medical attention to current cases and protect our QCitizens from further spread,” Belmonte said.

“We are planning to purchase more should the need arise, given that the national government has limited supply of the vaccines,” she added.

As of April 5, there were 41 cases of pertussis in the city, including six deaths.

Pertussis is caused by bacterium *Bordetella pertussis* and can be transmitted through respiratory droplets.