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Mpox patient goes to QC spa; 7 placed under quarantine

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The **Quezon City government** is tracing all those who came in close contact with the 33-year-old male mpox patient as he went to a dermatology clinic and a spa in the city and several other cities in Metro Manila, compromising at least 41 individuals.

The local government disclosed yesterday that the patient went to a dermatology clinic on August 15 for warts removal.

The dermatologist noticed skin lesions (rash-like) on the arms, face, trunk, back, and other parts of the patient's body.

He coordinated with the barangay to transport the patient to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) to collect specimens.

Four days prior to the derma consultation, the patient went to a spa where he had an alleged intimate contact on E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said the patient had been to different cities before coming to Quezon City.

“He had been to two previous fun/entertainment industry (spa) establishments in other cities in Metro Manila,” she said.

A total of 41 individuals were exposed to the mpox patient, seven of whom are residents of Quezon City.

Three spa workers and four spa clients are currently under quarantine.

Other close contacts were monitored by their respective LGUS.

City Epidemiological Surveillance Unit (CESU) head Dr. Rolando Cruz said they are monitoring the individuals who were in contact with the patient.