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QUEZON CITY LGU REPORTS SECOND AND THIRD MPOX CASES

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THE Quezon City government reminded its residents to take preventive measures against mpox (previously known as monkeypox) after detecting its second and third cases in the city.

This as the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division (QCESD), both the second (29-year-old male) and third (36-year-old male) mpox cases are undergoing home isolation and

receiving needed medical attention.

“Mpox is no joke. Its effect is severe, especially for people with a weak immune system, so it is very important that we ourselves take care not to get the virus, and not to infect ourselves. Still practice hand washing, and stay away from people who show symptoms of mpox,” Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

A 29-year-old (second mpox case) started exhibiting symptoms (mouth lesion on August 21 and self-reported in an institution the next day. He was tested on August 28, and his result returned positive on August 30. The third case (36-year-old) experienced a fever on August 26 and had an onset of rash on August 27. His specimen was brought to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) and came back positive on September 5. Belmonte said QCESD has initiated contact tracing efforts and is closely monitoring the identified individuals who have been exposed to the patients. Two weeks ago, the city government reported the first case of mpox in the city, a 37-year-old man. He is undergoing treatment and home quarantine.