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ORDINANCE NO. SP- **3331** , S-2024

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROTOCOLS FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE SPREAD OF MONKEYPOX VIRUS IN QUEZON CITY PURSUANT TO DOH DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM NO. 2022-0220 OR THE INTERIM TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MONKEYPOX (MPOX) SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING, MANAGEMENT, AND INFECTION CONTROL

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*WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;*

*WHEREAS, last July 2022, the Philippines reported its first case of the Monkeypox virus detected in a citizen who returned from abroad;*

*WHEREAS, most recently, Quezon City reported another case of the Monkeypox virus;*

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WHEREAS, Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease caused by infection with monkeypox virus which belongs to the Orthopoxvirus genus in the family Poxviridae;

WHEREAS, MPOX is usually a self-limited disease with the symptoms lasting from 2 to 4 weeks but severe cases can occur, and in recent times, the case fatality ratio has been around 3-6%;

WHEREAS, MPOX is transmitted to humans through close contact with an infected person or animal, or with material contaminated with the virus, and the Monkeypox virus is transmitted from one person to another by close contact with lesions, body fluids, respiratory droplets and contaminated materials such as bedding;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared MPOX as a public health emergency of international concern;

WHEREAS, DOH has issued the "Interim Technical Guidelines for the Implementation of Monkeypox Surveillance, Screening, Management, and Infection Control" (Department Memorandum No. 2022-0220) to provide Local Government Units (LGUs) healthcare facilities and health professionals with the necessary protocols for the effective response to MPOX;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government recognizes the importance of adopting these Guidelines to ensure the safety and well-being of its constituents through timely and effective surveillance, screening, management and infection control measures;

WHEREAS, the adoption of these Guidelines will aid in preventing the spread of MPOX within Quezon City, ensuring a coordinated and comprehensive response in line with national health policies.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF GUIDELINES. – The "Interim Technical Guidelines for the Implementation of Monkeypox Surveillance, Screening, Management, and Infection Control," as issued by the Department of Health under Department Memorandum No. 2022-0220, are hereby adopted and implemented within Quezon City.

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**SECTION 2. GENERAL GUIDELINES.** – The following general guidelines, as stipulated in the DOH Interim Technical Guidelines, are hereby adopted:

- a. The Quezon City Health Department (QCHD), through its Quezon City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division (QCESD), in coordination with the Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD), shall keep the general public up to date with the latest news on MPOX in and outside the Country from reputable sources;
- b. Healthcare facilities from different levels of care, healthcare provider networks, barangays and private organizations/institutions, including business establishments, schools, other public facilities, and formal and informal sectors shall familiarize themselves with the DOH Interim Guidelines on MPOX and report/coordinate information on suspect and confirmed cases to the QCHD which will further report to the DOH, through the Epidemiology Bureau (EB) and respective Centers for Health Development (CHDs);
- c. Healthcare workers shall refer exposed and at-risk individuals who are experiencing signs and symptoms of MPOX, which include skin rashes accompanied by fever, intense headache, lymphadenopathy (swelling of the lymph nodes), back pain, myalgia (muscle aches), intense asthenia (lack of energy), and/or skin eruption to the nearest higher level of healthcare facility for thorough assessment;
- d. Exposed and at-risk individuals shall be profiled, and their health status shall be monitored for immediate detection, laboratory confirmation and reporting to the epidemiology and surveillance network;
- e. Individuals or travelers from countries with reported or ongoing cases of monkeypox, who are manifesting the abovementioned signs and symptoms shall coordinate with the Philippine Embassy of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the DOH Bureau of Quarantine (BOQ), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (OWWA), and Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) for proper coordination and management.

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- f. *Individual traveling to MPOX-endemic countries shall avoid contact with mammals such as rodents, marsupials and non-human primates (dead or alive) that could harbor the Monkeypox virus and shall refrain from eating or handling wild game meat (bushmeat);*
- g. *All individuals are advised to strictly adhere to the Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS) set by DOH to prevent different infectious diseases including MPOX;*
- h. *The QCHD-QCESD shall coordinate with the DOH-Monkeypox Operation Center (MPOXOpCen), established by the DOH and the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), once there is an observed increasing risk of importation of MPOX in the City based on the criteria of risk classification and assessment to be set by the DOH.*

*SECTION 3. COVERAGE. – This Ordinance shall cover all public and private healthcare facilities, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and all other relevant entities operating within the jurisdiction of Quezon City.*

*SECTION 4. IMPLEMENTATION. – The QCHD, through its QCESD, in coordination with the DOH and other relevant agencies, shall be responsible for the dissemination, implementation and monitoring of these Guidelines. The QCHD is also tasked with conducting training and capacity-building activities to ensure the proper execution of these guidelines.*

*SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT. – All concerned entities and individuals are mandated to comply with the provisions of these Guidelines. The QCHD, in coordination with other relevant City departments, shall conduct regular inspections and audits to ensure compliance. Non-compliance shall be subject to penalties as provided by existing laws and ordinances.*

*SECTION 6. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.*

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*SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, and executive orders inconsistent with or contrary to this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*

*SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City and after posting of copies for a minimum period of three (3) consecutive weeks.*

*ENACTED: August 27, 2024.*

  
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APPROVED: JAN 27 2025

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
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CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on August 27, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on September 4, 2024.*

  
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