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# QC gov't urges residents to take precautionary measures vs mpox

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The Quezon City local government on Saturday, September 7, urged the its residents to take necessary precautionary measures to protect themselves against mpox following the detection of two more cases.

According to the city government, it detected the second and third cases of mpox in the city on August 30 and September 5.

The city's Epidemiology and Surveillance Division (QCESD) confirmed that the second case was a 29-year-old male, while the third was a 36-year-old male.

The patients are currently undergoing home isolation, and are being given the necessary medical care.

QCESD said that the 29-year-old patient began showing symptoms, including mouth lesion on August 21, and sought medical attention the following day.

He was tested on August 28, and confirmed that he was mpox positive on August 30.

Meanwhile, the 36-year-old male experienced fever on August 26, and had a rash on August 27. His specimen was sent to the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM), and he was confirmed positive on September 5.

City Mayor Joy Belmonte urged the residents to take preventive measures against the mpox.

"Hindi biro ang mpox. Malala ang epekto nito, lalo na sa mga taong mahina ang immune system kaya napakahalaga na tayo mismo ay mag-ingat para hindi makakuha ng virus, at hindi tayo makahawa pa. Ugaliin pa rin ang paghuhugas ng kamay, at lumayo sa mga taong nagpapakita ng sintomas ng mpox (Mpox is no joke. Its effects can be severe, especially for those with weakened immune systems, which is why it's so important for us to take precautions to avoid getting the virus and spreading it to others. Make it a habit to wash your hands regularly and stay away from people who show symptoms of mpox)," she said.