QC to put up 24 vaccination sites

THE Quezon City government plans to set up an initial 24 inoculation sites in 10 strategic areas for residents who would avail of the coronavirus vaccines.

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Mayor Josefina Belmonte in a statement said the vaccination sites are Project 6 Tennis Court in District 1, Batasan Hills National High School and NGC Covered Court in District 2, Aguinaldo Elementary School in District 3, Doña Josefa Jara Martinez High School and Diosdado Macapagal Elementary School in District 4, Kaligayahan Activity Center and Fairview Covered Court in District 5, and Emilio Jacinto Elementary School and Culiat High School in District 6.

She said the city government intends to establish 24 sites aside from the three city-run hospitals — the QC General Hospital, Rosario Maclang Bautista General Hospital and Novaliches District Hospital.

"We have to plan ahead to assure our people that we are doing everything to make these vaccines available as soon as possible," she said.

Dr. Esperanza Arias, City Health Department head, said that the city government has identified the other vaccination sites but they are still being evaluated to comply with Department of Health standards.

"The vaccination site must have unidirectional work flow or one entry and one exit, comfort rooms and ample space for free movement of staff and observance of minimum health standards," Arias said.

A standby generator set, an ambulance and presence of Barangay Health Emergency Response Team personnel are also required, among others

"For every site, the local government will designate 22 employees comprised of physicians, marshals, vaccinators, counselors and admin staff," Arias said.

The city government earlier entered into a tripartite agreement with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and the national government for the delivery of 1N1 million doses of coronavirus vaccines.