6 areas in QC locked down

The Manila Times · 21 Jan 2021 · A8 · BY ARLIE O. CALALO

SIX areas in Quezon City were placed under special concern lockdown following an increase in the number of coronavirus cases after the holiday season, Mayor Josefina Belmonte said on Wednesday.



These areas were in Agno Extension in Barangay Tatalon, Salary Street in Barangay Sangandaan, Magsalin Street in Barangay Apolonio Samson and La Felonila Street in Barangay Damayang Lagi.

Belmonte said the granular lockdowns were the city's immediate and proactive response to control the situation and curb the spread of the virus.

"Since last year, our special concern lockdowns have been proven effective in controlling the spread of the disease among neighbors and families," she added.

The City Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance Unit (CESU) imposes special concern lockdowns in areas where clustering and possible community transmission have been observed.

The city government said at least 60 families were affected in the Agno Extension in Barangay Tatalon while Salary Street in Barangay Sangandaan has five families under strict quarantine.

In Magsalin Street, CESU identified 14 index cases with 60 families under lockdown while 150 families were affected in La Felonila Street.

"All families in these areas will undergo swab testing in order to identify other infected individuals," CESU head Dr. Rolando Cruz said.

But even if they tested negative, all will still have to finish the 14-day mandatory quarantine period to check if they will develop any symptoms.

The MCP-HOA and a portion of the Pingkian 1, Central B in Barangay Pasong Tamo have been under special concern lockdown since January 7 and 14, respectively.

Cruz said 48 individuals in MCP-HOA have undergone swab testing and all tested negative.

“We are working closely with the affected villages to ensure that the quarantine period will be properly implemented and that their needs will also be provided,” according to the city chief executive.

The city government provides all affected families under quarantine with food packs and other necessities.