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Quezon City declares dengue outbreak

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Local officials declared Saturday a dengue outbreak in Quezon City amid a steep rise in cases and at least 10 deaths due to the virus this year.

From January 1 to February 14, 2025, the City Epidemiology and Surveillance Division (CESD) of QC recorded a total of 1,769 cases — nearly 200% higher than last year, according to a statement by the local government.

Ten of the eight fatalities were minors, the statement read.

As for the reported cases, 58% are schoolage children 5 to 17 years old, while 44% are children aged 1 to 10.

“Our declaration of a dengue outbreak ensures that we are on top of the situation, and we are doing everything we can to protect our residents from this deadly disease, especially our children,” Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

According to a report by Carlo Mateo on Super Radyo dzBB, QC health centers are set to be opened seven days a week to monitor and assist those experiencing dengue symptoms. NS1 test kits have also been distributed in health centers.