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QC LGU RAMPS UP BREAST CANCER CARE FOR ITS RESIDENTS

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THE Quezon City Government intensified its cancer initiatives as part of the city's celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In a statement, the local government unit said QC residents can avail of free clinical breast examinations and mammograms for women ages 50 years old and above. All 66 health centers o er these services all year round from Mondays to Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year, the Quezon City Health Department (QCHD) screened 56,393 women for breast mass. At least 23 were referred to East Avenue Medical Center, while 35 were referred to the Quezon City General Hospital (QCGH) for further assessment and laboratory tests.

"We are aware that this kind of procedure is a bit expensive for the residents as so they are hesitant to get checked up. So now it's free and we've extended this service to everyone at QCitizen, especially for women," Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

Those who test positive for lumps will be assisted with medication at the EAMC and will be supported by the local government in receiving free treatment, including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, or surgery.