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From: veena veena [REDACTED]

Subject: Concern about Malpractices of Retail shops during COVID

Dear Sir,

The partial explanation of Covid-19 cases from an unknown source- Covid -19 risk from Retail clothes Shop

I work in retail clothes shop in Footscray, which comes under non-essential items but the store manager didn't want to shut the store despite getting Jobkeeper payment which support both employees and business.

The shop owner/ shoppers think that bad things happen somewhere else, with this mentality the store used to be opened every day till late at night

I have noticed many customers with cold-like symptoms who were trying on clothes and enter the change room. yes, the store change room were opened for everyone to try clothes during the pandemic! These people spent hours trying on clothes , trying on sunglasses and scarves !

On many occasions I have seen people pulling off the face mask down from their mouth and sneeze on the clothes Tiny droplets of saliva that are sprayed into the air and sits on clothes and clothes 'rack and other people came in trying these clothes and touching the surfaces that someone who has the virus has coughed or sneezed on.

Lots of shoppers travel all the way from St. Alban, Werribee ,Richmond, Hopper crossing etc. just to buy a pair of socks and window shop.

Its horrifying to see huge numbers of people ignoring government advice .There are many selfish, thoughtless fools who think the rules don't apply to them and endanger other people's life.

I lived in fear of what might happen because of the selfish behavior of these people

I am concerned that if we start opening up too soon then we will see swarms of people rub shoulders, packed onto escalators and mingled outside shops, sparking concern about a next wave of COVID-19.

We all have been working hard to stop the COVID-19 virus from getting out of control, it's not fair to let actions of reckless and self-centered people to jeopardized the health and well-being of other Melbournian

People should be allowed only to shop through click and Collect /online shopping for non-essential supplies until there is a vaccine

Thank you