



**PRESS RELEASE**

**FCCC Warns Against Fake Covid19 Products**

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The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) is warning traders to refrain from misleading Fijians by selling items which claim to protect from and cure coronavirus (COVID-19).

“We strongly condemn any businesses that are preying on Fijians in such a manner. This is especially heinous since, in this time of crisis, we need to be more considerate of each other than ever,” said FCCC CEO, Joel Abraham.

“We have received complaints against a few businesses that were selling items such as face masks and medicine with the claim that they protected against the COVID-19 virus. These claims are misleading as these masks are not N95 masks which are the only masks that offer any protection against COVID-19.”

FCCC also stopped a trader who was selling juice, claiming it would stop COVID-19 and are monitoring all forms of misleading goods and services being sold.

"We urge Fijians to refrain from believing everything they read online and stick to advisories given by the Ministry of Health and the Fijian Government.

FCCC has urged Fijians to send pictures and videos of any breaches on [info@fccc.com.fj](mailto:info@fccc.com.fj) or message us directly on Facebook.

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