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FCCC: COVID-19 Safety Measures There to Protect Consumer Welfare Wednesday 21 April 2021

The Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (FCCC) is urging businesses to comply with all COVID-19 safety guidelines as set by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

This comes after reports from the Ministry of Health and Medical Services that some supermarkets are not enforcing the necessary COVID-19 safety measures.

“Every consumer has the right to safety this means that consumers be protected against services (amongst other things) which are hazardous to health or life. All business must understand that failing to follow safety procedures will ultimately lead to harming their customers.”

“It is critical that businesses, especially the essential businesses that are open in Nadi and Lautoka, strictly follow all the safety measures,” said FCCC CEO, Joel Abraham.

“Businesses must make sure that customers keep a distance of 2 metres from each other, and that they have the careFIJI app installed and active on their phones before entering the premises.”

“This is not to be taken lightly - if you are not following the safety guidelines, you are actively endangering the lives of your fellow Fijians. This goes against the safeguards of consumer welfare.”

Mr Abraham also urged Fijian consumers to take all the necessary safety precautions when going out shopping and to refrain from panic buying during this time.

“Rest assured that FCCC will be doing its utmost to protect the welfare and rights of Fijian consumers. We ask that you stay safe, and follow the instructions of the Government and Ministry of Health.”

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