

Level 3 lockdowns

Keeping the economy moving while ensuring safety.

Issues

Under previous Level 3 lockdowns, most retail stores have been required to close their doors to the public, no matter what mitigants can be put in place to manage health risks.

This comes at a significant economic cost. While e-commerce allows some trading to continue, sales at Alert Level 3 are up to 80 per cent reduced because stores are closed.

At Alert Level 3, aeroplane passengers can sit next to each other while wearing masks, and supermarkets are able to open safely. The lessons from these sectors can be applied to enable all retail stores to open safely, so long as they can meet health requirements.

Stores should be able to open as long as...

The official QR code is available to support contact tracing.

Customers and staff are asked to wear masks.

The number of people in store is limited to one person every 4m².

Signage is in store reminding customers to stay two metres apart from others, supported by one-way systems (where practical).

All counters and payment terminals are disinfected between customers.

Perspex screens are provided at checkout to separate customers and employees.

Signage is displayed in store, in bathrooms and in staffrooms with personal hygiene messages.

Hand sanitiser is provided on entry and exit.

All stores should have the choice to remain closed, if they wish.

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