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Reduction of Covid isolation period welcomed by retailers

The Australian Retailers Association (ARA) has welcomed today's announcement from National Cabinet that the Covid isolation period will be reduced from seven to five days.

"Shorter isolation periods will help improve the labour shortages in retail that are crippling our businesses. We've gotten over the winter Covid peak, so this is an appropriate time to relax the settings around isolations, which brings us in line with other global economies," ARA CEO Paul Zahra said.

"Covid and the flu are significant factors in the current staffing challenge. If people are healthy, we should allow them to get back to work. We thank the Prime Minister, Premiers and Chief Ministers for taking this common sense approach, which is an important step forward in our transition towards living with Covid."

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