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#### Abstract

COVID - 19 became a global pandemic in 2020 pausing all social interactions and activities creating a global health emergency crisis that disrupted different living conditions and brought havoc in the midst of uncertainties. Various countermeasures were introduced to limit the transmission such as the use of face masks and face shields and limiting person to person distances. Social distancing was introduced to the general public to provide assurance, and security from acquiring the virus; thus, the whole foundation of this study was formulated with the idea of providing technological innovations and inputs that are relevant in the current real world scenarios. This research aimed to develop a system that would benefit organizations in monitoring crowd control and social distancing, particularly during this pandemic. This study may provide help in

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monitoring the crowd and social distancing of people within the establishment to prevent the rapid spread of the virus.

A system has been created to restrict the spread of the COVID virus in enclosed or public places meant for gatherings, such as malls and various establishments that people come to individually or in groups. Installing the system will enable establishments to monitor the number of people entering the establishment, clumping together or walking in huge groups to avoid close-contact interactions due to the COVID virus. As the pandemic continues, it is the people's job to prevent any more COVID patients. Therefore, social distancing is highly recommended to reduce the risk of catching the virus. Although it is a challenge to distance yourself in public places such as establishments where the path inside is limited and people cannot avoid getting too close to each other.

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