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This study explores the profound impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the

restaurant industry, with a focus on Warunk Upnormal, a prominent player in the

food and beverage sector. By examining innovation, shifts in consumer behavior,

and their influence on repurchase intention, it highlights the critical role of customer

satisfaction as a mediator. Data from 128 Warunk Upnormal patrons across

Indonesia, collected through an online survey, is analyzed using PLS-SEM (Partial

Least Square Structural Equation Modelling) with SmartPLS 4.0.9.6. The results

show significant positive direct effects of most independent variables on repurchase

intention. Importantly, both innovation and the pandemic significantly affect

repurchase intention through customer satisfaction. However, changes in consumer

behavior do not have a statistically significant impact on repurchase intention

through customer satisfaction. These findings offer practical insights and

recommendations for businesses, industry stakeholders, and policymakers.

Leveraging innovation to adapt to evolving consumer trends is crucial for

enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty. The study also underscores the

importance of robust pandemic preparedness plans and suggests refining marketing

strategies based on changing consumer behavior and preferences.

Keywords: COVID-19, Repurchase Intention, Customer Satisfaction, Innovation,

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