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January 24, 2025

Dear Mr. Sands,

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 15, 2025, which asked the following question: "Does the New Jersey Department of Health have any laws, codes, or regulations requiring customers or patrons to wear shoes or other footwear in restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, or any other type of business it may regulate?"

The answer to your question is no, the Department does not have any laws or rules requiring customers or patrons to wear shoes or other footwear in the establishments it regulates.

Please feel free to email me at alan.talarsky@doh.nj.gov if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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