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Mr. Sands,

As I mentioned in my earlier correspondence we have incorporated the 2013 FDA Food Code for retail food establishments. The food code does require all food handlers (i.e. employees) to wear proper footwear. The FDA Food Code does not, however, address patrons and footwear. Therefore, the answer is no, there is nothing in Kentucky law that requires patrons of a restaurant or grocery store to wear shoes.

Thank you,

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