TN Department of Health

April 1, 2025

Dear Mr. Sands:

This letter is in response to a letter received March 30, 2025, regarding foot ware requirements for customers or patrons while inside food-service establishments or any other public facilities under the Department's regulatory control.

The Environmental Health Program has authority over rule enforcement in food-service establishments, hotels, public swimming pools, bed & breakfasts, body art establishments, and organized campgrounds. There are no rules promulgated or future rules planned concerning foot ware for customers or patrons in these programs. It is the prerogative of individual businesses to establish rules for attire of patrons, however the Department does not enforce individual business attire requirements.

Best,

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