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Dear Mr. Sands:

Your letter to Dr. McDonald dated January 15, 2025, was forwarded to the Department's Center for Environmental Health for response. There are no New York State Health Department regulations requiring shoes to be worn in food service establishments or other facilities regulated by State Sanitary Code.

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets regulates grocery and convenience stores. Please contact them directly at https://agriculture.ny.gov/contact-us for information on their regulations.

If you have any additional questions regarding Department of Health regulations, please contact Jessica Egan, Food Protection Section Chief, at (518) 402-7600.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Wiegert, MPH, Director
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Bureau of Community Environmental Health
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cc: J. Egan