

**DELAWARE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

May 28, 2009

Dear Mr. Blechner:

Thank you for your letter dated April 2, 2009 you have asked for clarification regarding laws, codes, or regulations for patrons in restaurants or retail food establishments. Specifically, you inquired whether or not patrons are required to wear shoes or other types of footwear.

In answer to your question there is no requirement in the State of Delaware Food Code that requires consumers in a permitted food establishment to wear shoes or any other type of foot covering while on the premises. Any requirement for consumers to wear shoes, shirts, etc. on the premises is a management decision, not a regulatory requirement.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Dr. Ming Lau at (302) 744-4705.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Rattay".

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