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LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, Director

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Dear Mr. Sands:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding if the Illinois Department of Public Health has any regulations, codes, laws or any other specific requirements that customers or patrons of a business must wear shoes or other footwear while inside restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, or other businesses. The Illinois Food Service Sanitation Code does not have any requirements regarding customer's attire in public areas of a facility. Many facilities have their own restrictions possibly because of insurance liabilities. I suggest you also contact the local health department in the county in which you wish to visit to see if they have any requirements. Local Health Departments in Illinois are responsible for retail food establishments in their jurisdiction. You may find a list of local health departments on our website at: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/local/alpha.htm> .

If you have any additional questions regarding this, please contact Patricia Welch with the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Food, Drugs and Dairies at 217-785-2439 or TTY (for hearing impaired use only) at 800-547-0466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LaMar Hasbrouck MD MPH". The signature is written in a cursive style.

LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH  
Director