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Dear Mr. Sands:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) regulations for food and lodging establishments that serve the public in Vermont.

The *Health Regulations for Food Service Establishments* can be accessed on the VDH website: http://healthvermont.gov/regs/03food_estab.pdf. There are certain clothing and hygienic practice requirements for food service employees that handle and prepare food, with an objective of protecting food from contamination during storage, preparation and service. The regulations do not include requirements for customers and patrons of the establishment. As you note, establishments may define their own policies for dress requirements of customers for safety and other reasons.

I hope this information is helpful for your travels. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the VDH Food and Lodging Program at 802-863-7221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elisabeth Wirsing".

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