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Dear Mr. Sands,

Thank you for your letter inquiring if the Maine Department of 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 that may be under our regulatory control.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Health Inspection Program licenses and inspects eating and lodging establishments, campgrounds, youth camps, school kitchens, public pools and spas, mass gatherings and body artists. There are no statutes or rules for patrons that I am aware of, that require shoes or other footwear while inside these establishments. The Department's statute and rules protect public health and safety with regard to the employees and operations of the establishments we license. Requirements for footwear and other apparel is a business decision.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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