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Dear Mr. Sands:

I am responding to your letter of March 8, 2017 in which you asked if the Georgia Department of Public Health or the Division of Health Protection has in code, regulation or rule any requirements that customers or patrons of certain businesses wear shoes or other footwear while inside the business. You specifically referred to restaurants or other food service establishments that fall under our regulatory control.

This letter is to confirm that neither the Department of Public Health nor the Division of Health Protection have in code, regulation, or rule any such requirements. You are correct that businesses may require certain dress codes for patrons, but those requirements do not fall within code, regulation, or rule of the Georgia Department of Public Health or the Division of Health Protection.

Please let me know if any further clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Patrick O'Neal, MD'.

J. Patrick O'Neal, MD  
Director, Division of Health Protection  
Georgia Department of Public Health



**We Protect Lives.**