



**DELAWARE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

Division of Public Health

March 17, 2017

Nick Deutschmann
[REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information on Delaware's Health Department Codes and Regulations

Dear Mr. Deutschmann:

I am responding to your letter requesting information on the State of Delaware's Health Department codes and regulations. I have provided answers to your four questions below as it relates to the State of Delaware Food Code.

- What restrictions/policies are set forth by the Health Department in regards to employee attire? Section 2-304.11 of the food code states that food employees shall wear clean outer clothing. Also, Section 2-303.11 prohibits wearing jewelry on arms and hands except for a plain ring. No other specifics on employee attire are given.
- How often are Health Inspectors called upon to inspect non-food handling institutions such as offices or call centers? Under the food code, we are not required to inspect these types of facilities. Other offices within our Department, such as our radiological safety program, might inspect doctors or dentists offices.
- Does the Health Department have separate outlines for dress requirements for patrons vs. employees? No, not for restaurants or other food establishments.
- Would the presence of a person without shoes on the business premises violate any laws or health codes? The Delaware Food Code does not specifically address footwear requirements. Other regulations, such as those that fall under OSHA, might have requirements regarding footwear. Also, managers and owners of food establishments may impose requirements that exceed those listed in the food code.

Please contact the Office of Food Protection if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ralph Matthews".

Ralph Matthews
Environmental Health Specialist III
Office of Food Protection

Cc: OFP File