Hello Nick,

Your request was received by the N.C. Division of Public Health. Requests for information are facilitated by the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Communications, and my colleagues and I are happy to assist.

The following information is specific to the Division of Public Health Food Protection and Facilities Branch.

• What restrictions/policies are set forth by the Health Department in regards to employee attire?

The North Carolina Food Code Manual, Section 2-304.11, requires food employees to wear clean outer clothing to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, lines, and single-service and single-use articles.

• How often are Health Inspectors called upon to inspect non-food handling institutions such as offices or call centers? North Carolina General Statutes 130A-247-250 do not require offices or call centers to be inspected.

• Does the Health Department have separate outlines for dress requirements for patrons vs. employees? No.

• Would the presence of a person without shoes on the business premises violate any laws or health codes?

The presence of a person without shoes on the premises of a food establishment would not be a violation of the North Carolina Food Code Manual.

If we can provide any other information, please contact the Office of Communications at (919) 855-4840.

Thank you,

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