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Dear Mr. Deutschmann:

This correspondence is in response to your letter addressed to Kentucky Department for Public Health inquiring about Health Codes in Kentucky. Kentucky adopted the 2005 FDA Food Code in 2009 and this code went into effect May of 2010. Section 2-304.11 of the 2005 FDA Food Code addresses outer clothing, "Food employees shall wear clean outer clothing to prevent contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens and single service and single use articles." In most cases, health inspectors would not be called up to inspect non-food handling institutions unless there was a complaint or foodborne illness investigation. Each local health department may have outlines for dress requirements for their employees, however every health department goes by the 2005 FDA Food Code for outlines for dress requirements for food establishment employees. The presence of a person without shoes would not violate the 2005 FDA Retail Food Code. Please let me know if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pamela Hendren".

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