

**Mission:**

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Ms. Floyd,

To fully address your questions, we would need to know a little more about the type of business in reference.

The Department of Health (DOH) is only one of the 3 major regulatory agencies for the State of Florida, the other two being The Department of Business and Professional Regulations (DBPR) and The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS). The appropriate regulatory agency would depend on the nature of your business.

The following answers to your questions are based on the information provided and may be different if your business falls under DBPR or DACS.

- DOH does not have a specific dress code expected of facility employees. We do require that employees wear clean outer clothing and appropriate hair restraints when preparing food and gloves when handling ready to eat foods.
- DOH does not have any purview in call centers, general offices, or radio stations. Some of the non-food facilities we do have purview in include tanning, tattoo/body piercing, group care, schools, and mobile home parks. The inspection frequency for these varies with the type of business, but is generally annual, semi-annual, tri-annual, or quarterly.
- DOH does not have a dress code for customers of the facilities that we regulate.
- Serving barefoot customers in a DOH regulated facility does not violate any of our departments statutes or rules. If your facility falls under one of the other regulatory agencies, this answer may change.

I hope this information helps. If you have any other questions, would like further clarification on these topics, or would like to discuss regulatory authority for your business you may contact me at 850-595-6700 ext. 2054 or you may email me at [james.brough@FLHealth.gov](mailto:james.brough@FLHealth.gov).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Brough".

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