



**Informal Interpretation Report  
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**Question:**

Is it the intent of the Florida Building Code - Building section 1210.5 to require a vestibule in order to maximize privacy and for health and sanitary reasons in a business serving food and drinks?

**Answer**

No

**Commentary:**

It is the intent of 1210.5 to disallow a restroom to open directly into a room that prepares food. If no food is prepared in a dining area, the dining area serves as the buffer between the food prep area and the kitchen. Under such circumstances, no vestibule would be required.

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