

Cyanobacteria Observation Report, Thursday, 9/3/2021

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Good afternoon,

This is the last observation report of the 2021 swim season.

Visual observations for Cyanobacteria were taken at Sears Park and adjacent property today, 9/3 (see the attached report with images). **Conditions have improved since the last observation period.** The water remains very cloudy (secchi disk reading 0.65m) and green throughout the water column across portions (mostly deeper waters) of the swim area. **No surface accumulations were observed** in the public swim area or adjacent property.

Unfortunately, because this level of improvement is required for two successive observation periods before the swim area is reopened, the public swim area at Sears Park will remain CLOSED for swimming over the holiday weekend.

Signs warning users of the park have been posted at entry points to the beach area.

Once the official swim season ends after Monday, conditions favorable to the rapid growth of Cyanobacteria may continue for some time. Residents are encouraged to continue following these precautions:

- Observe the water before contacting the water, and before allowing children or pets to contact the water.
- Avoid contacting water that has a noxious odor, appears green throughout (sometimes referred to as looking like pea soup), or that has mats, films or scums accumulating on the surface.
- After contact with a potentially hazardous Cyanobacteria bloom, rinse off with clean water from a hose or shower.
- If signs of illness appear after contact with a potentially hazardous Cyanobacteria bloom, consult a healthcare provider.

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In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, get vaccinated. If you are not yet fully vaccinated: wear a mask when indoors in public places, maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet, avoid crowds, wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds, stay home if you're sick. For the most current updates and recommendations, visit ct.gov/coronavirus. For general questions, call 2-1-1

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