


Cyanobacteria Observation Report, Tuesday, 8/31/2021

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Good afternoon,

Visual observations for Cyanobacteria were taken at Sears Park and adjacent property today, 8/31 (see attached report with images). **Conditions continue to support a significant bloom of Cyanobacteria.** The water remains very cloudy (secchi disk reading 0.65m) and green throughout across most of the swim area. **Some surface accumulations in the form of scums and films were present** in the public swim area and adjacent property, **posing a potential health hazard** to those who may enter the water.

The public swim area at Sears Park remains CLOSED for swimming. Signs warning users of the park have been posted at entry points to the beach area.

Residents should be aware that **conditions favorable to the rapid growth of Cyanobacteria are likely to continue for some time**, and that the presence or absence of a bloom in one part of the lake does not mean a bloom will or will not occur in other parts of the lake. Residents who have private access points to the lake are encouraged to 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.

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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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