

Sears Park Cyanobacteria Report, 7/2/2021

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Good morning,

Please see the attached observation report. Chatham Health District received reports of Cyanobacteria surface films in the property adjacent to Sears Park, and small surface accumulations were visible on inspection there (page 7). There were no reports of adverse health impacts. Observations at Sears Park conducted today did not reveal any visible cyanobacteria bloom, and no surface scums, mats or films were present in the public swim area. Small accumulations of other types of filamentous algae were visible (page 3) **Conditions exist that may result in a harmful scum-forming algae bloom in the public swim area of Sears Park, therefore** the current warning advisory notice will continue. Chatham Health District will consider lifting the advisory warning if conditions improve in the coming weeks.

Residents should avoid contact with water that looks green or blue-green throughout (sometimes described as looking like pea soup). Any mats, films, or scums on the surface of the water that are blue-green in color, look like spilled paint, or have a noxious odor should be reported to Chatham Health District and avoided.

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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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