

## Sears Park Cyanobacteria Report, 7/15/2021

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Good afternoon,  
Please see the attached observation report.

Chatham Health District received many calls regarding green water along the shore of Lake Pocotopaug this morning. Visual observations conducted by Chatham Health District at the public swim area of Sears Park and adjacent property confirmed the presence of a substantial bloom of Cyanobacteria, in some spots forming a film on the surface (see images in the attached report). There were no reports of adverse health impacts, but a sample of the bloom has been submitted for toxin testing. **The public swim area has been posted as CLOSED for swimming.** Chatham Health District will consider lifting the closure if visual observations over successive weeks reveal that the bloom has abated, and lab testing confirms that the water is safe to resume swimming.

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](https://ct.gov/coronavirus). For general questions, call 2-1-1**

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