

## **WHITE POND RECREATIONAL WATER USE ADVISORY RESCINDED 7/3/17**

The public health advisory that was issued for White Pond on 6/29/17, due to a bloom of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) exceeding MA Department of Public Health recreational guidelines, has been RESCINDED as of 7/3/17.

At present, there is no visible algae bloom at the pond and the White Pond Associates and Dover Property Owners Association beaches can be re-opened for swimming.

The following Advisory will be posted at multiple public access points on the pond:

- White Pond recently experienced a bloom of blue-green algae. As of 7/3/17, the bloom appears to have faded.
- Town staff will continue to monitor the pond for algae blooms.
- If you observe an algae bloom: DO NOT SWIM and DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN OR PETS TO COME IN CONTACT WITH THE ALGAE.
- Please contact the Concord Health Division at 978. 318. 3275 to report visible algae blooms.

There is a real possibility that the bloom may reemerge. In 2015, the blue-green algae bloom waxed and waned throughout the summer. Anyone who observes a new bloom of algae at the pond should notify the Concord Health Division at 978.318.3275. Health Division staff will follow up and conduct water sampling as needed.

For more information on blue-green algae blooms, visit the Health Division website

<http://concordma.gov/695/Blue-Green-Algae-Blooms>

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and US EPA websites provide further information on blue-green algae blooms:

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/environmental-health/exposure-topics/beaches-algae/algae-information.html>

<http://www2.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data/cyanohabs>