FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN OKALOOSA COUNTY LIFTS BLUE-GREEN ALGAE BLOOM ALERT FOR COLEMAN LAKE

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FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County has lifted a Health Alert for the presence of harmful blue-green algal toxins in Coleman Lake.

If you see an algal bloom:

- You should not swim at this location
- Avoid getting water in your eyes, nose or mouth.
- You should not eat shellfish from this location.
- Rinse fish fillets with tap or bottled water. Throw out guts. Cook fish well.
- You should keep pets and livestock away from the waters in this location.

What do I do if I see an algal bloom?
The Florida Department of Environmental Protection collects and analyzes algal bloom samples. To report a bloom to DEP, call the toll-free hotline at 855-305-3903 or report online.

To report fish kills, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at 1-800-636-0511.

Report symptoms from exposure to a harmful algal bloom or any aquatic toxin to the Florida Poison Information Center, call 1-800-222-1222 to speak to a poison specialist immediately.

Contact your veterinarian if you believe your pet has become ill after consuming or having contact with blue-green algae contaminated water.

If you have other health questions or concerns about blue-green algae blooms, please call the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County at 850-344-0580.

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