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DOH-LEE HEALTH OFFICIALS LIFT BLUE-GREEN ALGAE BLOOM ALERT FOR MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Health Alerts Have Been Lifted After Recent Sample Results



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Lee County, Fla. - The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH-Lee) has lifted the health alerts issued on June 29, 2023, July 5, 2023, July 7, 2023, and July 17, 2023, respectively, for the presence of harmful blue-green algal toxins at the following locations:

- Caloosahatchee River Jaycee Park
- Caloosahatchee River Overiver Drive
- Caloosahatchee River Whitecap Circle
- Caloosahatchee River End of Canal Circle
- Caloosahatchee River Horton Park

Follow-up water samples taken by the Department of Environmental Protection did not detect algal toxins, indicating the public may resume water-related activities.

It is important that the public exercise caution and good judgement. Blue-green algae blooms can move around or subside and then reappear when conditions are favorable again. Residents and visitors are advised to avoid contact with the water if blooms are observed. The latest sample results can be viewed on **ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov.**

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.

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