

## News release

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### **Oregon Public Health Division lifts advisory for Fairview Lake *Reduced blue-green algae levels confirmed***

A health advisory prompted by high algae levels found in Fairview Lake, located 20 miles east of Portland and directly south of Blue Lake, was lifted today by Oregon Public Health Division and Multnomah County Health Department officials.

The advisory went into effect July 27.

Water monitoring has confirmed reduced levels of blue-green algae that can produce toxins harmful to humans and animals.

These reduced levels are not likely to be associated with dangerous toxin concentrations in the water, according to World Health Organization guidelines.

Oregon health officials advise people who recreate in Oregon water bodies to always be alert to signs of algae blooms. People and their pets should avoid water contact if there are visible clumps of algae in the water.

For local information contact John Gessner, community development director for the City of Fairview, at 503-674-6205.

For health information, contact the Harmful Algae Bloom Surveillance program at 971-673-0400 or [www.healthoregon.org/hab](http://www.healthoregon.org/hab); also contact the Oregon Public Health toll-free information line at 1-877-290-6767 or Gerald Barnes, Multnomah County Health Department at 503-988-3400, ext. 26763.

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