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Recreational Public Health Advisory Remains in Place

A recreational public health advisory remains in place for the Maumee River. Swimming and wading in the Maumee River is not recommended for children, pregnant or nursing women, those with certain medical conditions and pets. Signs are posted on Maumee River access points notifying the public of the advisory.

If you have been in contact with water from the Maumee River, rinse your skin immediately. Symptoms of exposure to a harmful algal bloom include: rash, hives, blisters, severe diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal pain. If you have had contact with water in the Maumee River and are displaying these symptoms seek medical care.

Further testing will be completed today, Tuesday, June 7th, with results expected late Wednesday afternoon. The recreational public health advisory will be evaluated after results are received.

Defiance County General Health District is collaborating with local partners and state partners to stay on top of harmful algal blooms. Kim Moss, Defiance County Health Commissioner, relays "Our priority is the safety and well-being of Defiance County residents. We will make sure the public is aware of the steps we will be taking to stay on top of the situation. We will also make sure the public is made aware of information in a timely manner."

For more information on harmful algal blooms visit DCGHD's website at www.defiancecohealth.org, Facebook: Defiance County Health Department or Twitter: @DCGHD

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