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Recreational Public Health Advisory in Defiance County Remains in Effect

A follow up water sample was drawn from the site on the Maumee River which tested positive for a harmful algal bloom last Friday, June 3rd. The follow up test completed Tuesday, June 7th revealed a Microcystin level of 0.493 parts per billion, down from a level of 19 parts per billion on Friday. Defiance City officials report that the drinking water continues to be safe.

A recreational public health advisory remains in place for the Maumee River in Defiance County. Two negative Microcystin tests are needed to lift the recreational public health advisory. The second test will be completed on Tuesday, June 14th.

Swimming and wading in the Maumee River is not recommended for children, pregnant or nursing women, those with certain medical conditions and pets. Signs will remain 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.

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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