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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

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On August 1, 2022 the Board of Health received results of testing a July 26, 2022 water quality sample taken at the Town Beach that indicate no harmful levels of cyanobacteria (Blue-green algae).

At this time, **all Normal activities are permitted**, because:

- Cyanobacteria levels are < 70,000 cells/milliliter (c/mL)
- Water visibility is greater than 4 feet (on Aug 2, 2022, ~70 inches).

What happens next:

The Board of Health will continue to test the water quality every other week. If the cyanobacteria cell counts exceed 70,000 c/mL or water visibility drops below 4 feet, the Board will evaluate issuing a No Swimming Advisory.

For more information, please see:

- www.mass.gov/info-details/harmful-algae-blooms-in-freshwater-bodies
- <https://www.harvard-ma.gov/board-health>

To stay informed of the status of water quality at the Town Beach, residents should sign up for alerts from the Board of Health and the Town Administrator at: www.harvard-ma.gov/subscribe.