

Toxic algae affects Atchison Co lake

(KAIR)--The Atchison County Lake has been placed under a public health warning because of the presence of high levels of toxic blue green algae.

That word is delivered in a news release issued Tuesday by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in conjunction with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

The Atchison County Lake joins five others in being placed under the warning status.

KDHE says activities such as boating and fishing may be safe. However, direct contact with the water is strongly discouraged for people, pets and livestock.

Fish can be eaten as long as they are rinsed with clean water. However, you should consume only the fillet portion and discard all other parts.

KDHE will continue to monitor the lake and will provide updates as conditions warrant.

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