

Public health advisory upgraded for local lake

(KNZA)--A public health advisory for a local lake has been upgraded.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment said in a news release Thursday that the Brown State Fishing Lake, located northeast of Robinson, has been upgraded from “ watch” to “ warning” status due to the presence of toxic blue-green algae.

It is among eight lakes in the state under “ warning” status.

Two local lakes remain under " watch" status. They include Horton's Mission Lake and Jackson County"s Elkhorn Lake.

For lakes under warning status, KDHE says direct contact with the water should be avoided. Fish may be eaten if they are rinsed with clean water. However, only the fillet portion should be consumed and all other parts discarded.

For lakes under watch status, People are encouraged to avoid areas of algae accumulation and keep pets and livestock away from the water.

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