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## UPDATE: DCR Recreational Advisory: Lake Cochituate Reopens

**WHAT:** Effective immediately the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has reopened the Middle Pond portion of Lake Cochituate in the Town of Natick. This area has had clear tests from both the cyanobacteria bloom and routine weekly bacterial water quality testing. However, the cyanobacteria bloom advisory remains in effect for the South Pond portion of Lake Cochituate.

During a bloom it is strongly advised that the public should not have contact with the water. Additionally, pet owners should keep their animals away from the shoreline to prevent them from ingesting the water. The waterbody will be retested until cyanobacteria levels are within acceptable limits per Department of Public Health (DPH) guidelines. For questions regarding cyanobacteria blooms, please contact the DPH at (617) 624-5757 or visit the agency's algae [webpage](#).

**WHERE:** Middle Pond portion of Lake Cochituate in the Town of Natick

**WHEN:** Effective immediately – until further notice

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