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Health advisory upgrade for local lake

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

**The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, in a news release, said Thursday that the Hiawatha City Lake has been upgraded from “ watch” to “ warning” status due to the presence of toxic blue-green algae.**

**It is among 16 lakes in the state under “ warning” status.**

**KDHE says direct contact with the water should be avoided. The agency says if the lake water contacts your skin, wash with clean water as soon as possible.**

**Fish may be eaten if they are rinsed with clean water. However, only the fillet portion should be consumed and all other parts should be discarded.**

**The Hiawatha Lake has been on the health advisory list since July 11.**

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