



# Public Health

## Idaho North Central District



### Press Release

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**HEADLINE: Health Advisory Lifted for North Central Idaho Reservoirs**

**LEWISTON, IDAHO** — Public Health – Idaho North Central District (PH-INCD) and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are lifting all active harmful algae bloom (HAB) public health advisories that have been issued in the north central Idaho in 2021. While there are still some ongoing blooms in north central Idaho, the recreation season has ended and risk of human exposure has been greatly reduced.

Cold weather and rain have a tendency to dissipate HABs, but the public is advised to stay away from water that is discolored, with streaks or globs of scum, or where thick green mats have formed along lake shorelines.

The public is advised to use caution as harmful blooms may still persist. Humans and their pets should stay out if in doubt to the presence of harmful blooms.

For more information about harmful algal blooms, including a map of advisories currently in effect throughout Idaho, visit DEQ's website at <https://www.deq.idaho.gov/water-quality/surface-water/cyanobacteria-harmful-algal-blooms/>