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Ogden's 21st Street Pond Health Advisory

(Ogden, UT) – Weber-Morgan Health Department officials are posting signs warning residents of a potential toxic algae bloom near the 21st Street Pond in Ogden.

Health department staff tested the water using test strips Friday and preliminary results are positive for cyanobacteria. These tiny plantlike organisms form an algae bloom in water that can produce toxins that pose health risks to people, pets and other animals.

"This is a popular dog walking area in our community and we want residents and their pets to be safe while we complete our tests," says Michela Gladwell, director of environmental health at the Weber-Morgan Health Department.

Additional samples has been submitted to the Utah State Division of Environmental Quality for further testing. As a precaution, signs will be posted at the entrance and along the trail near the pond.

- The signs ask residents to:
- Do not swim or water ski
- Do not drink the water.
- Keep pets and other animals away.
- Use a separate water source to clean fish thoroughly.
- Avoid areas of scum when boating.

Gladwell says results should be available early next week. For more information on algae blooms see the Utah State Division of Environmental Quality's Harmful Algae Bloom website and fact sheets at:

<https://deq.utah.gov/Divisions/dwq/health-advisory/harmful-algal-blooms/>

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