

# HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS & CAYUGA LAKE



## KNOW IT:

- Because it can be hard to tell a HAB from non-harmful algal blooms, it is best to avoid swimming, boating, or otherwise recreating in, or drinking water with a suspected bloom.
- Depending on the weather and the characteristics of the lake, HABs may be short-lived (appearing and disappearing in hours) or long-lived (persisting for several weeks or more).

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## AVOID IT:

- People and animals should avoid contact with any floating mats, scums, or discolored water. Colors can include shades of green, blue-green, yellow, brown or red.
- Never ingest untreated surface water, whether or not algae blooms are present. In addition to toxins, untreated surface water may contain bacteria, parasites, or viruses that could cause illness if consumed.

If you suspect you've spotted a "HAB", please email the [HABsHotline@gmail.com](mailto:HABsHotline@gmail.com) & include your name, date/time, lat/long or address, and pictures.



## REPORT IT:

- If you suspect that you have seen a HAB, please report it to CSI by emailing us at [HABsHotline@gmail.com](mailto:HABsHotline@gmail.com)
- If possible, attach digital photos (close-up and landscape to show extent and location) of the suspected HAB.
- Please report any health symptoms to your local health department.



Seneca County, NY



Seneca County Health Department: 315-539-1920

Tompkins County Whole Health: 607-274-6600

Cayuga County Health Department: 315-253-1560



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