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On Tuesday, May 4, LCRA received test results showing that toxic blue-green algae is persisting in the Highland Lakes.

The most recent test samples were collected April 27 at the Travis Landing area of Lake Travis, where a dog died in February after playing in the water. Results continue to show the presence of dihydroanatoxin-a in algae material at the site. Toxins have not been detected in water at the Travis Landing area since March 16, when a very low amount of dihydroanatoxin-a was detected in a water sample.

“The test results show a decline in the level of toxicity over time, but that doesn’t mean we can let our guard down,” said John Hofmann, LCRA executive vice president for Water. “The level of toxicity still poses a danger to people and pets, so we continue to strongly urge people to avoid contact with algae and to keep dogs from playing in or ingesting it.”

LCRA has created a free sign template individuals, homeowner associations, park operators and others can place at lake access points to caution lake users that harmful algae may be present. For more information on harmful algae or to download the sign template, visit lcra.org/algae.

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