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Tests on samples collected June 22 from Lake Travis did not detect any toxicity in blue-green algae near Travis Landing.

LCRA cautions that the lack of toxicity at the test site is not an “all-clear” sign, and recommends people continue to avoid contact with algae and keep their dogs from ingesting or playing in algae in the Highland Lakes.

“There is blue-green algae throughout the Highland Lakes, and we expect algae to continue to grow as the weather gets hotter,” said John Hofmann, LCRA executive vice president for Water. “We are heading into the season when toxicity from blue-green algae is historically at its highest, so we know it’s likely we’ll see additional toxicity this summer.

“Algae looks exactly the same when it is producing toxins as when it’s not, so our recommendation is unchanged – protect your family and your pets and avoid all contact with algae,” Hofmann said. “Don’t take a chance.”

This will be the last update from the targeted monitoring at Travis Landing, which LCRA began in February after a dog died after playing in the water there.

On July 1, LCRA began a new monitoring program in lakes Buchanan, Inks, LBJ, Marble Falls and Travis. Updates will be posted on the [LCRA algae webpage](#) as information becomes available.

The City of Austin is conducting testing in Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake.

For more information on what homeowners can do to minimize the growth of algae, see the [Keep the Lake Clean, Not Green fact sheet](#) on [lcra.org](#). For more information about blue-green algae, visit [lcra.org/algae](#).

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