



# Seneca County

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Waterloo, NY-The Seneca County Health Department working in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health and the Village of Waterloo Regional Water supply have confirmed samples taken from the drinking water supply on 9.29.17 tested positive for the presence of blue-green algae toxins. According to Tom Scoles, Principal Sanitarian with the Seneca County Health Department, "Samples were tested at the state's Wadsworth Lab in Albany and were positive for algal toxins; however the levels were below the EPA's 10 day health advisory level of .3 micrograms/liter for sensitive populations and well below the advisory level for adults of 1.6 micrograms/liter." Scoles also added, "Follow up samples taken of the drinking water supply on 10.3.17 showed no detectable levels of algal toxins." Sampling of the water supply will continue as a precaution to ensure the levels remain undetectable. Scoles stated, "The water is safe for residents to consume for all uses."

The New York State Department of Health, Seneca County Health Department and the Village of Waterloo will continue to monitor the drinking water supply and will take additional steps as needed. The Village of Waterloo Regional Water supply is the source of drinking water for several water districts in Seneca County. We are committed to keeping our residents informed about the quality and safety of their drinking water supply. Residents who are concerned or who have questions about the presence of blue green algae toxins in the drinking water supply can contact the Village of Waterloo at (315) 539-9131 or the Seneca County Health Department at (315) 539-1945.

Information will be posted as needed on the Seneca County Health Department's webpage at [www.co.seneca.ny.us](http://www.co.seneca.ny.us) and on the department's social media accounts at [www.facebook.com/SenecaCountyHealth](http://www.facebook.com/SenecaCountyHealth) and on twitter [@SenecaCountyDOH](https://twitter.com/SenecaCountyDOH).

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