

Public Health Advisory

To the residents living at the outskirts of Missisquoi bay or using this part for leisure activities

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A considerable quantity of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) is actually present in Missisquoi bay. Cyanobacteria and the toxins they produce may cause health effects.

The following **recommendations** must therefore be applied to protect your health until an advisory to the contrary has been issued:

- ⇒ **Avoid all contact with water** from Missisquoi bay (bathing, aquatic sports, for shower or bath use). Children are more at risk of exposure and should be carefully watched.
- ⇒ **Do not drink untreated water** from Missisquoi bay and do not use it to prepare or to cook food (boiling the water will not eliminate the toxins).
- ⇒ **Do not eat fish** from the affected zone
- ⇒ **Do not expose pets** to water from the bay

For further information, read the leaflet available on our web site (www.rrsss16.gouv.qc.ca) or contact your municipality.

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