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Tropical Storm Isaias Update August 1, 2020 - 1700

Current Storm Status:

Tropical Storm Isaias Advisory Number 19
NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL AL092020
500 PM EDT Sat Aug 01 2020
...ISAIAS WEAKENS TO A TROPICAL STORM...
...EXPECTED TO RE-STRENGTHEN TO A HURRICANE OVERNIGHT WHILE IT
Storm Summary ISAIAS #19 +0h <https://hvx.hurrevac.com/hvx/reports/export.html>
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APPROACHES THE SOUTHEAST COAST OF FLORIDA...
SUMMARY OF 500 PM EDT...2100 UTC...INFORMATION

LOCATION...25.1N 78.7W
ABOUT 115 MI...185 KM SE OF FORT LAUDERDALE FLORIDA
ABOUT 95 MI...155 KM S OF FREEPORT GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND
MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...70 MPH...110 KM/H
PRESENT MOVEMENT...NW OR 310 DEGREES AT 10 MPH...17 KM/H
MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...993 MB...29.33 INCHES

Current Town Status:

The Town continues to monitor this system and operating under preventative measures. Departments and Town Officials will meet on Sunday to discuss Hurricane Isaias and take any additional preventative measures that may be necessary for the Town of Surf City, its residents, and visitors.

Special thanks to Pender Fire & EMS - UAS Team for coming through for our Town this morning by capturing drone footage of the beach strand.

Information to Know:

- **Personal Preparation** – Now is the time to be prepared and remain informed!
Below is a good checklist to use:
 - Please plan on securing all loose articles to prevent them from being relocated by a storm event.
 - Check your supply stocks to ensure:
 - You have several days' worth of water and easily prepared food on hand. Non-perishables are best during a power outage situation.
 - If you take medication, you have several days' worth of doses on hand.
 - If you have pets, you have ample food for your furry (or scaly) friend.
 - Make sure you have all your important paperwork or documents assembled and know where they are located:
 - Insurance policy (health, property, vehicle, etc)

- Birth certificate, social security card, will, passport, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order if applicable, etc
 - Any other documents that are important and not easily replaced
 - If we lose power:
 - Do not run portable generators indoors or in garages.
 - Turn off the main breaker in your home and only turn it back on after you know that power has been restored.
 - Keep freezers and refrigerator doors CLOSED.
 - Beware of misinformation and sensationalism
 - Get news and information from validated and reputable sources
- **Utilities** – There is no scheduled utility cut-off. Utility crews will monitor the situation and cut off services based on necessity.

During the storm event, there is a good possibility you will lose power. Please make sure you have non-perishable food and water to get you through until power is restored.

- **Trash Service** – As of right now normal trash service will occur on Monday for the existing routes. The Town will be working with GFL to determine if adjustments are necessary for Tuesday and Wednesday pick up, please stay tuned for updates. Public beach access trashcans will be serviced on Sunday so staff can secure them.
- **Bridge Status** - Based on bridge guidelines along the coast our emergency service leaders may have to shut the bridge down to vehicles if we have SUSTAINED winds of 45mph. Sustained means winds are holding for longer than two minutes. Please understand this means emergency vehicles will have a difficulty in crossing over the bridge safely if winds are above 45 mph sustained.
- **Key Cards** – In the event of a mandatory evacuation, all previously issued KEY Cards are still valid; they do not expire nor are they transferable. If you do not have a KEY Card at this time you can still gain access to the island in the event of an evacuation with a valid ID and utility/tax bill and/or deed.
- **Beach Update/Rip Currents** – Tides and surf will be higher than normal. Please understand as tides get high it can result in sand being washed out from the bottom of public beach accesses, which will cause a drop-off. Staff will not be able to address this until after the storm event, so please proceed with caution.

Rip current risk remains HIGH. The Town of Surf City is urging all beach goers to be very cautious in the ocean this weekend as Hurricane Isaias approaches our shores. As weather systems such as tropical storms approach, we will see the development of rough surf conditions and increases in rip currents. These conditions are very dangerous and can be life threatening. Please stay tuned to local forecast and beach condition alerts from the Town of Surf City and the Surf City Fire Department. If you do find yourself in the ocean and begin to struggle, do not panic. Try to get the attention of others on shore and swim parallel to shore. Once you are out of the outgoing current (rip current) you can then swim back to shore. Please remember to stay calm and try your best to float if you cannot make headway swimming.

This link is a good tool to see the **beach condition forecast** and predictions from the National Weather Service.

https://www.weather.gov/beach/ilm?fbclid=IwAR0GFR69Vpo4kRCevvwI021bVp_Hlq_n-MAPCqLVSqCW5TmFGlo5vibfPNA

This is a good link to learn more about **rip current dangers** from the National Weather Service and the United States Lifesaving Association
https://www.weather.gov/media/safety/rip/rip_brochure_51419b.pdf

If you see someone in trouble, please dial 911 and report it. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact the fire department at (910) 329-1260.