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Governor Hassan, Emergency Management Officials Preparing for Impending Storm

CONCORD – As a winter storm approaches that is expected to bring significant amounts of wet, heavy snow and strong winds, Governor Maggie Hassan and state emergency management officials are working with local communities and utilities companies on preparedness efforts.

"With the approaching winter storm that is expected to bring significant amounts of wet snow and strong winds, we have been working with state emergency management officials to coordinate with local communities and utilities companies to make preparations and take every precaution," Governor Hassan said. "The State Emergency Operations Center will open at 1 p.m. today, and we will closely monitor the storm and provide updates as needed. I strongly encourage all Granite Staters to exercise the common sense that Granite Staters are known for, to plan ahead, to follow all traffic and safety alerts, and to drive safely."

In advance of the storm, Governor Hassan and emergency management officials have held conference calls with state agencies and utilities companies, and will be holding a conference call with local communities later today. In anticipation of power outages, utilities companies have response crews on standby.

In advance of the storm, the Department of Transportation is encouraging New Hampshire residents to limit travel if possible after 6 p.m. tonight and to take the following precautions:

- Leave extra time to get to destinations.
- Allow safe driving distances between vehicles.
- Anticipate reduced speeds.
- Keep vehicle fuel tanks at least half full.

Additional information, including safety and preparedness tips, is available at www.readynh.gov.

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