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NWS ISSUES COASTAL FLOOD WARNING FOR COASTAL ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

CONCORD, NH –The National Weather Service (NWS) in Gray, Maine issued a Coastal Flood Warning for coastal Rockingham County from 5:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Friday, April 3, 2020. Widespread minor coastal flooding and significant splash-over is expected.

Widespread flooding of locations near the waterfront is expected, including some damage to vulnerable structures. Low-lying areas may see up to three feet of inundation causing road closures and some locations could become isolated. Moderate to locally significant beach erosion with considerable erosion of protected dune structures due to large breaking waves is expected. Splash-over may lead to ponding of water behind dune structures and result in flooding of roads. A few evacuations may be needed in the most vulnerable areas.

“Turn around don’t drown. If travel is required, do not drive around barricades or through water of unknown depth,” said Jennifer Harper, NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director. “Take the necessary action to protect flood-prone property and listen to the recommendations of local public safety officials.”

Do not drive through floodwaters on roadways. Adjust speeds for road conditions – even ponding on roadways can be hazardous.

Residents and visitors in coastal Rockingham County are encouraged to remain informed by monitoring NH Alerts, local community alerts and weather alerts from the National Weather Service.

Harper also offered the following recommendations:

- Have what you need and know what to do to be safe.
- Check on the welfare of elderly or handicapped relatives or neighbors.
- Sign up for NH Alerts to receive emergency information via your mobile and landline phones, including severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service and emergency information from NH HSEM. Sign up for NH Alerts at nh.gov/nhalerts.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn what to do to stay safe.

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