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NWS ISSUES TROPICAL STORM WATCH FOR ALL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service (NWS) National Hurricane Center (NHC) issued a Tropical Storm Watch for the entire state until further notice. A Tropical Storm Watch means tropical storm-force winds, sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph, are possible within the next 48 hours.

Remember, tropical storms are not just a threat to coastal communities. High winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flooding can occur anywhere in New Hampshire.

The latest forecast calls for heavy rain and potentially strong wind gusts to begin Tuesday afternoon with greatest impact into Tuesday night through Wednesday morning.

Widespread two to four inches of rainfall is possible with isolated amounts up to six inches across higher terrain leading to a potential for flash flooding. Strong gusty winds are still a threat, especially for coastal and southern areas where localized damaging winds are a possibility.

NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management encourages residents and visitors to prepare now for potential impacts from Tropical Storm Isaias.

"Being prepared is critically important," said NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. "We encourage everyone to stay informed, have a plan and make a kit including hand sanitizer and extra face coverings. Don't forget to charge your cell phones. Preparedness information is available at ReadyNH.gov."

The core steps to preparedness are simple:

- 1) Stay informed – Sign up for NH Alerts to receive location-specific weather information from the National Weather Service.
- 2) Have a family emergency plan so your family knows where to go and who to call in an emergency.
- 3) Build an Emergency Kit that includes supplies for your entire family. Don't forget supplies for your pets and hand sanitizer and masks.

Know what to do, and have the things you need to stay safe. Learn about preparedness, including signing up for NH Alerts, making a plan and building a kit at ReadyNH.gov.

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