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PRESS RELEASE

PARTS OF NH NOW UNDER TROPICAL STORM WARNING

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service (NWS) National Hurricane Center (NHC) issued a Tropical Storm Warning for parts of Hillsborough, Cheshire, Belknap, Rockingham, Strafford, and Merrimack counties until further notice. A Tropical Storm Warning means storm-force sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are expected within the next 36 hours.

The rest of New Hampshire remains in a Tropical Storm Watch, meaning storm-force winds are possible.

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.

“We are taking it seriously and you should too,” said NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “Stay informed, be prepared and be aware of your surroundings. Have a way to receive emergency warnings so you know when to take action. Sign up for NH Alerts and view preparedness information at ReadyNH.gov.”

Damage to porches, awnings, carports and sheds are possible, and unsecured lightweight objects may blow away. Trees and limbs may fall leading to downed power lines, and roads may become impassible from debris caused by downed branches. Scattered power outages are likely.

The current forecast is somewhat favorable for tornadoes.

If a flash flood warning is issued in your area, be prepared to evacuate to higher ground immediately. If a tornado warning is issued in your area, be ready to act quickly and seek safe shelter indoors. It is important to take these warnings seriously.

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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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