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TS ISAIAS SHIFTS WEST; THREATS REMAIN FOR NH

CONCORD, N.H. – According to the National Weather Service, Tropical Storm Isaias’ track mostly shifted west, however the entire state remains under a Tropical Storm Warning until 6:00 A.M. Wednesday morning. A Tropical Storm Warning means storm-force sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph are expected within the next 36 hours.

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

Strong wind gusts are expected and could lead to power outages caused by downed trees and limbs. The threat of river flooding has decreased; however, there is a slight increase in a tornado threat to the state.

Marine conditions on coastal Rockingham County will be dangerous through Wednesday afternoon.

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

“Even though the threat has shifted mostly to the west, the entire state remains under a tropical storm warning until 6am tomorrow,” said NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “The forecast is changing and that requires everyone to stay alert. Stay informed and have a way to receive emergency warnings so you know when to take action.”

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.

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.

Office: 110 Smokey Bear Boulevard, Concord, N.H.
Mailing Address: 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H. 03305
603-271-2231, 1-800-852-3792, Fax 603-223-3609
State of New Hampshire TDD Access: Relay 1-800-735-2964

- 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.

Report power outages to your electric utility:

- Eversource 1-800-662-7764
- Liberty Utilities..... 1-855-349-9455
- NH Electric Co-Op 1-800-343-6432
- Unitil 1-888-301-7700

Stay clear of downed power lines and assume they are live. Report downed power lines to 9-1-1.

Harper also offered the following recommendations:

- Monitor local conditions, particularly in areas that have flooded before.
- Turn around, don't drown. Do not drive through floodwaters on roadways.
- Adjusts speeds for road conditions – even ponding on roadways can be hazardous.
- Use extra caution when driving, especially if operating a high profile vehicle.
- Slow down and move over for crews removing debris from roadways.
- Secure outdoor objects or take them indoors.
- Check on the welfare of elderly or handicapped relatives or neighbors.

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