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PRESS RELEASE

WINTER STORM EXPECTED TO IMPACT STATE TONIGHT INTO TOMORROW

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, Maine has forecasted a snow and wintery mix storm is expected to impact New Hampshire late tonight into Saturday. A Winter Storm Warning is issued for parts of Coos and Carroll counties while a Winter Weather Advisory is issued for the rest of the state.

A quick moving system will cross the area tonight into Saturday. A burst of snowfall is expected on the leading edge of precipitation tonight followed by a transition to sleet and freezing rain from southwest to northeast across the state. Some of the snow may briefly be moderate to heavy before the transition to sleet and freezing rain. Farther north, mostly snow is expected.

A Winter Storm Warning is in effect for parts of Coos and Carroll counties from midnight until 7:00 P.M. Saturday. Heavy snow and sleet is expected to cross the area resulting in difficult travel due to low visibilities and slippery roadways.

A Winter Weather Advisory is in effect for parts of Grafton, Carroll, Sullivan, Merrimack, Belknap, Strafford, Cheshire, Hillsborough, and Rockingham counties from 10:00 P.M. this evening until 4:00 P.M. Saturday. Mixed precipitation is expected with total accumulations of 2 to 5 inches with ice accumulations of around two tenths of an inch. Roadways will be slippery.

New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper provides these winter weather reminders:

- Monitor National Weather Service radio or broadcast weather reports to keep track of changing conditions.
- Consider working or schooling from home so that crews can clear the roads.
- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.
- Never crowd the plow.
- Always move over for emergency crews.
- Clear all snow and ice off your car, including your roof, around lights, and license plates before traveling.
- Bridges, overpasses, and exposed road areas are the most prone to slippery conditions.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.

The core steps toward preparedness are:

- 1. Stay informed by signing up for NH Alerts.
- 2. Make an emergency kit.
- 3. Have a family emergency plan
- 4. Get involved in your community.

NOTE: According to the National Weather Service, a Winter Storm Warning indicates that heavy snow of at least 6 inches in 12 hours, or at least 8 inches in 24 hours, is expected. It can also be issued if sleet accumulation will be at least half an inch. A Winter Weather Advisory is issued when snow of 3 to 5 inches in 12 hours, sleet accumulation up to 1/4 inch, freezing rain in combination with sleet and/or snow, or blowing snow is expected.

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