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PRESS RELEASE

WINTER STORM TO IMPACT NEW HAMPSHIRE

Corrected Release: A previous version incorrectly said the storm would start on Tuesday afternoon.

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, Maine issued Winter Storm Warnings for New Hampshire starting on Monday afternoon through Wednesday morning. New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation remind residents and visitors to be prepared. This storm will significantly impact travel across the entire state.

- Sullivan, Merrimack, Belknap, Strafford, Cheshire, Hillsborough and Rockingham counties have a Winter Storm Warning from 3:00 P.M. Monday to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday. Heavy snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 7 to 14 inches. Wind gusts as high as 35 mph. Snowfall rates of 1 to 2 inches per hour are expected Monday night.
- Carroll and Grafton counties have a Winter Storm Warning from 5:00 P.M. Monday to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday. Heavy snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 6 to 12 inches.
- Coos County has a Winter Storm Warning from 10:00 P.M. Monday to 7:00 A.M. Wednesday. Heavy snow is expected with total snow accumulations of 7 to 14 inches.

A Coastal Flood Watch is in effect from Tuesday morning through late Tuesday night for coastal Rockingham County. Numerous roads may be closed. Low-lying property including homes and businesses may become flooded. Some shoreline erosion may occur. Never drive through flooded roadways.

“As with every snowstorm, be prepared,” said New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Harper. “Take time now to prepare your family. Being prepared means knowing what to do and having the things you need to stay safe. Learn more about emergency preparedness at ReadyNH.gov.”

Travel will be very difficult due to low visibility and snow covered roads. Blowing and drifting snow in the central and southern portion of the state may cause whiteout conditions that will make travel nearly impossible.

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“Based on anticipated heavy snowfall during commuter hours, we are recommending essential travel only,” said NH Department of Transportation Commissioner Victoria Sheehan. “Heavy snowfall rates mean poor visibility. If you have the ability to telework or engage in remote school opportunities, we recommend that you do so. If you must travel, please slow down and drive for the conditions, leaving plenty of space between your car and others, as well as plenty of time to reach your destination. As always, please don’t crowd the plow. We will be doing our best to clear roadways and keep NH moving.”

The combination of heavy snow and strong wind gusts may lead to scattered power outages. If you see a downed power line, stay away and call 9-1-1.

If you lose power, be sure to report the outage to your utility provider:

- Eversource1-800-662-7764
- Liberty.....1-855-349-9455
- NH Electric Co-Op1-800-343-6432
- Unitil.....1-888-301-7700

Director Harper and Commissioner Sheehan provide these additional winter weather reminders:

- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn more preparedness tips to help you and your family stay safe.
- 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 safely 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.

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.

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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.