

Saturday, September 8, 2018 – 10pm

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) 11am forecast update has Florence likely re-strengthening into a hurricane by tonight. Rapid intensification is expected to start on Sunday and Florence is forecast to be a major hurricane (120+mph) by Tuesday. Tropical storm force winds currently extend up to 140 miles from the storms center.

The last few forecast updates have moved the forecast cone slightly south from yesterday and are showing the highest potential to track towards somewhere from NC to GA in the next 5 days. The likelihood of Florence not making landfall somewhere on the east coast is decreasing.

Florence is forecast to be a dangerous major hurricane near the southeast U.S. coast by late next week, and the risk of direct impacts continues to increase. However, given the uncertainty in track and intensity forecasts at those time ranges, it's too soon to determine the exact timing, location, and magnitude of those impacts. The exact path of Florence as it approaches the southeastern U.S. coastline will depend heavily on the position and strength of the blocking high pressure that is expected to develop north of Bermuda and extend westward over the eastern U.S.

Hampton Roads currently has a 7% of seeing tropical storm force winds in the next 5 days.

