

Sunday, August 2, 2020 – 1200 pm

Overnight Isaias weakened to a Tropical Storm. Isaias will skirt the east coast of Florida today into Monday. The odds that we will see Tropical Storm winds in our area are increasing as well as potential rain accumulations.

Confidence in the track and timing is increasing, but confidence in the intensity of Isaias by the time it reaches the local area remains low. Isaias' strength when it gets here and its actual track will be key to actual impacts in our area. You should be prepared for Tropical Storm winds, heavy rains and extended power outages by as early as Monday late night (go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) info). Continue to monitor the local TV/Radio forecast closely.

As of the 11am National Hurricane Center forecast update, Isaias is located about 120 miles SSE of Cape Canaveral FL as a Tropical Storm with sustained winds of 65 mph. The NHC is forecasting Isaias to track very close to the Florida coast and is forecasting the system to track slightly further west and the "curve" is not expected to be a much of a curve - bringing the system inland through SC/NC/VA as it moves north.

Isaias is currently forecast to remain a Tropical Storm by the time it reaches our area. The NHC 11am forecast cone shows the actual possible track for Isaias could be anywhere from west of Richmond to off the VA coast (with the most likely track bringing it very near IOW). By the time Isaias makes it this far north, Isaias may have broadened (spread out) enough to include most of that geographic area in its wind fields regardless of actual track.

With the 11am NHC update, Norfolk has a 52% chance and chance of seeing Tropical Storm Force (39-57mph) and a 15% chance of strong Tropical Force Winds (58-74mph). Richmond has a 37% chance of seeing Tropical Storm Force and a 9% chance of strong Tropical Storm winds.

The current National Weather Service (NWS) Forecast for Isle of Wight has sustained winds in the 30mph to 40mph range with gusts of 40s to 50s. Currently, the most likely window for impacts would be Tuesday before sunrise through late-afternoon. HOWEVER, there is still much uncertainty in the forecast related to intensity (strength) and size by the time Isaias makes it to our area. Changes in any of these factors could impacts in our area significantly - for the good or bad. You should continue to plan for the possibility of at least Tropical Storm impacts (high winds and extended power outages) in our area by late Monday night/very early Tuesday.

**Impact Timing**- biggest wind impacts most likely Tuesday before sunrise - late afternoon

**Wind** - sustained winds in the 30s to 40s, gust into the 50s (reminder, still enough uncertainty that this could change to the good or bad)

**Rainfall** - 2-5" with potential for 7+" in some areas.

**Coastal flooding** - no significant issues currently forecast.

**River flooding** - no significant issues currently forecast.

**Tornados** - "spin up" tornados are possible

**Power Outages** - may be widespread

**Down trees** - the combination of full leaf load, heavy rain and high winds increase the chance for downed trees.

The Governor declared a State of Emergency for VA at 6pm yesterday. Isle of Wight has not declared an emergency at this time.

Isle of Wight is currently not expecting to open shelters, but we have our shelter partners preparing and on standby just in case.

We'll continue to monitor Isaias and will provided updates as warranted.

