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With Irma coverage still dominating our minds and the media coverage, wanted to take a minute to remind everybody that Jose is still something we need to be watching closely. Currently looks like best case scenario he passes offshore by VA/NC on his way northward, but it is much too early to know his exact track. The question will be how close does he come and what type of impact will we see.

As of the 5am National Hurricane Center (NHC) advisory, Jose was located about 435 miles NNE of Grand Turk Island and had sustained winds of 75mph. Jose is currently expected to make a circular loop before making a northward turn. At this time, there is a significant amount of uncertainty in the extended forecast. The current NHC forecast doesn't have Jose exceeding a CAT 1 hurricane in the next 7 days. Currently Jose is not expected to make landfall in the mid-Atlantic area. However, best case, his track will likely be close enough to VA/NC that we at least know he is passing by.

Over the past 24 hours, the overall trend had been to bring his pass by VA/NC closer to the coast. As of the 5am NHC advisory, Jose had hurricane force winds extending 25 miles from his center and tropical force winds extended 140 miles his center. The NHC is currently giving nearly all of eastern NC at least a 5-10% chance of seeing at least tropical storm force winds (39+mph) from Jose. It is likely that eastern VA will also be included in the possibility for at least tropical storm force winds as the forecast track moves northward. Currently looks like the earliest NC could see tropical force winds would be late Friday night into the weekend.

Again, it's too soon to have a reliable forecast for our area and the forecast track will continue to adjust. Hopefully, everyone reviewed their hurricane plans and supplies for Irma and we are all ready for whatever Jose may bring.

We'll keep watching and will provide updates.

