

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – 4:15 pm

Isle of Wight County is currently under a coastal flood warning in effect until 4am Thursday. Water will continue to be pushed into the Bay and up the rivers into Thursday. Low tides will likely remain above the normal high tide level. The highest water levels and most significant tidal flooding is expected with the Wednesday evening high tide into the early Thursday morning high tide cycle.

Based on current information from the National Weather Service (NWS), water could be 2 to 3 feet or more above ground level in some low-lying areas during the highest tide cycles. Numerous roads will be impassable under several feet of water and cars could be submerged. Moderate to severe flooding could cause extensive inundation and flooding of numerous roads, could isolate some neighborhoods, and possibly inundate some buildings resulting in a significant threat to property and life.

High tide on the Pagan River at Smithfield will be:

Tuesday – 9:40pm

Weds. – 10:06 am, 10:19pm

Thurs. – 10:45am, 10:57pm

Additionally, while widespread flooding rain is not expected locally this week, heavy rain over the mountains will eventually cause river levels to rise later in the week with some river flooding possible by this weekend.