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The good news is that IOW is no longer in the 5 day forecast error cone (parts of Suffolk are). As of 8am, Dorian remained almost stationary (moving 1mph) just north of Freeport. A turn toward the north is forecast by late Tuesday, with a northeastward motion forecast to begin by Wednesday night. The current forecast has Dorian passing off the outer banks Friday morning as a CAT 2 (100mph).

If the current forecast holds, we could see potential impacts from Dorian from Thursday afternoon through Friday mid-day (most likely timing is Thursday night into Friday morning). Based on current forecast information from the NWS, we could see sustained winds in the 20-30mph range with gusts into 40s (possibly some 50s in the Carrollton/Longview area) and around 3" of rain.

That said, DO NOT STOP PREPARING FOR AT LEAST TROPICAL STORM LEVEL IMPACTS. We're still waiting for Dorian really get moving and make the northward turn so that the forecast can verify on the projected track. While there is still uncertainty in the forecast, the models are in general agreement with an offshore run up the east coast and the NHC has not adjusted its forecast track significantly in the last 24 hours. The key will be where/when Dorian makes the turn - until then the forecast remains subject to a great deal of uncertainty.