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Hurricane Isaias makes its way to Flagler, limited evacuations may be called for Sunday

August 1, 2020 – Flagler County officials continue to make its plans for the arrival of Hurricane Isaias focusing on public safety – exercising an abundance of caution. Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord is asking residents to do the same.

“Those residents who live on the barrier island and along the Intracoastal – especially if you live in a particularly low-lying area or a manufactured home – need to be prepared if we call for an evacuation tomorrow (Sunday),” Lord said. “We won’t make a decision until the morning, because we want to have the most up to date information about the storm’s track and intensity.”

All barrier island residents with electrically dependent special medical needs should also be prepared to evacuate.

If Flagler County opens a shelter, it will be opened at Rymfire Elementary, 1425 Rymfire Drive.

Isaias will likely make its greatest impact to Flagler County between 7 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday with tropical storm force winds – 39 to 73 mph with the possibility of sustained winds lasting a minute of more – mostly east of Interstate 95. At this time hurricane force winds are not probable.

A storm surge watch is currently in effect for coastal Flagler County. This means that we may see the following impacts:

- Atlantic Coast shoreline – 3 to 4 feet of storm surge, with dune damage likely
- Intracoastal Waterway – properties along both sides,
  - 2 to 3 feet of storm surge, with impacts primarily at high tide
  - This includes properties on the Intracoastal Waterway and waterways/canals to the east of it (such as Fox Cut)

Sand and bags remain available at the following locations:

- Flagler Technical College – 5633 N. Oceanshore Blvd., The Hammock – until 5 p.m. Saturday
- Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church – 915 N. Central Ave., Flagler Beach – until 5 p.m. Saturday
• Palm Coast Public Works Yard, 1 Wellfield Grade, off U.S. 1 and just north of Palm Coast Parkway, Palm Coast – until 3:30 p.m. Saturday

WastePro has cancelled garbage collection for Monday. Do not leave garbage, debris, or yard waste at the curb on Sunday – it needs to be secured.

All Flagler County residents should be prepared to shelter in place at home while Isaias passes by or through our community.

In light of COVID-19, Flagler County and its emergency preparedness partners have taken additional steps to protect residents that may be unable to make alternative arrangements and need to seek public shelter in the event of an evacuation order. Shelters will have separate areas for those who know they have COVID-19, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

Additionally, all evacuees seeking public shelter will be required to wear face coverings and undergo entry and daily temperature screenings. Shelter capacities and movement within the shelter will be more restrictive than in previous years.

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