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Emergency Services Update

County Prepares for Tropical Storm Isaias Amid COVID-19

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County is under tropical storm and flash flood watches as Emergency Services officials monitor Tropical Storm Isaias, which is expected to bring damaging winds and 4-6 inches of rain Monday evening through early Tuesday to the area.

“Residents should be prepared for flash flooding in the normal low-lying areas. We are anticipating street-level flooding, as well as power outages from downed trees with wind gusts in the 50 miles-per-hour range,” said Emergency Services Director Gene Booth.

Do not drive through flooded roadways or around barricades.

Officials are encouraging residents who may need to move out of low-lying or other affected areas to seek shelter with family and friends if possible; or, if you have the resources, to stay in a hotel or motel. Emergency shelters should be considered a last resort because of COVID-19 precautions.

Residents should prepare their emergency kits and include enough water, food and supplies for three to seven days for each person and pet. Be sure to include additional supplies such as face coverings, hand sanitizer and cleaning products to stay healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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