

TROPICAL UPDATE



5:00 PM EDT Sunday, August 2, 2020

Tropical Storm Isaias & Invest 94L (60%)

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Tropical Weather Outlook

Possible Areas of Development During the Next 5 Days (LINK)



Showers and thunderstorms associated with a tropical wave located a couple hundred miles east of the Leeward Islands are slowly becoming better organized. Environmental conditions are forecast to be conducive for additional development during the next few days, and a tropical depression could form by the middle of the week. This system is forecast to move northwestward over the western Atlantic early this week, passing north of the Leeward Islands.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...medium...40 percent.
* Formation chance through 5 days...medium...60 percent.

Tropical Storm Isaias Sunday, August 2



Overview/Recent Changes:

Isaias remains a tropical storm (70 mph) and is moving to the north-northwest at 9 mph. Little change in strength is forecast as it parallels Florida. Tropical Storm Warnings remain in effect for the First Coast and Space Coast. Rain bands will increase across Central Florida and Northeast Florida tonight.



Satellite Imagery

Southwest Atlantic – Tropical Storm Isaias



The center of Tropical Storm Isaias is located just over 35 miles northeast of Vero Beach and moving NNW at 9mph.

Isaias continues to produce limited rain activity in the feeder bands west of the center of circulation, with the bulk of the heavy rain and strongest winds offshore. However, tropical storm force winds and similar gusts will continue along the Treasure Coast through the evening and begin to increase for the Space Coast region overnight.



Official Forecast Track

hurricane >= 64kt/74mph



 $storm \ge 34kt/39mph$

tropical storm Wind Warnings:

strong tropical storm

- The center of Isaias is about 35 miles northeast of Vero Beach, or 65 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, moving to the NNW at 9 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 70 mph. Most of these winds are occurring in the eastern half of the storm.
- Little change in strength is forecast.
- The system will parallel the Florida East Coast through Monday afternoon.
- Tropical Storm Warnings remain in effect north of Sebastian Inlet.

Sustained Wind Speed



Wind Watches and Warnings

In Effect Until Further Notice

Tropical Storm Warnings remain in effect for:

Brevard, coastal Duval, coastal Flagler, coastal Nassau, coastal St. Johns, and coastal Volusia





Damaging Wind Threat Overview

Tropical Storm Isaias

The greatest wind threat is along the immediate coast of the Peninsula, mainly along and east of I-95.

Higher gusts to 60 mph may be possible through tomorrow morning as Isaias makes its closest approach.

https://www.weather.gov/srh/tropical?office=mfl Click on "Threats and Impacts" Tab

	Wind Threat
Po	tential for wind greater than 110 mph
	Potential for wind 74 to 110 mph
	Potential for wind 58 to 73 mph
	Potential for wind 39 to 57 mph
	Wind less than 39 mph





End Time of Tropical Storm Force Winds MOST LIKELY End Time of Winds >39 mph



Note: Assumes a perfect forecast. Winds will come in intermittent bands.

Conditions should improve on the Treasure Coast this evening, Space Coast overnight and Northeast Florida by Monday afternoon.



Storm Surge/Coastal Flooding

Next 36 Hours

Onshore winds associated with Isaias will result in some minor coastal flooding along the Atlantic along with high surf.





Coastal Flooding



Storm Surge Watches have been cancelled

Has been replaced with a Coastal Flood Advisory for 1-3' of minor coastal flooding



Forecast Wave Heights

This Weekend



High surf of 8-12 feet is expected along Northeast Florida Coast tonight and Monday morning. This will result in dangerous rip currents. Minor to pockets of significant beach erosion is expected. Even though wave heights will decrease to 3-5 feet by Monday evening, ocean swells will continue to produce dangerous rip currents through at least Wednesday.



Observed and Forecast Rainfall Totals

04 0.5 1.4 1.6 1.8 2.5

3.5

72-Hour Precipitation (in)





12Hr Prob.Precip(%) Ending Mon Aug 03 2020 8PM EDT 12Hr Prob.Precip(%) Ending Tue Aug 04 2020 8PM EDT 12Hr Prob.Precip(%) Ending Wed Aug 05 2020 8PM EDT

Rain bands from Isaias will exit the state Monday afternoon, but a return to a typical summertime pattern of scattered afternoon/evening showers and storms are forecast to continue this week for the Peninsula.



Overall Summary

Tropical Storm Isaias

- Isaias continues to parallel the Florida East Coast, with the center located about 65 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, moving north-northwest at 9 mph.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 70 mph, with the strongest winds occurring east of the center.
- Tropical storm winds extend out 115 miles east from the center, but only about 25-50 miles to the west.
- Some rain bands are occurring over Florida, but the heaviest thunderstorms remain offshore. These bands may contain heavy rain and wind gusts of 40-60mph.
- The system is expected to be east of Northeast Florida tomorrow and move inland over the Carolinas Monday night and Tuesday.

Central Atlantic Tropical Wave

- A tropical wave northeast of the Lesser Antilles has a 40% (medium) chance of becoming a tropical depression within the next 48 hours, and a 60% (medium) chance of development within 3-5 days.
- This system is not forecast to be a direct threat to Florida.



Overall Summary

Florida Outlook:

- Isaias will continue to impact the East Coast of Florida tonight and tomorrow.
- Tropical Storm Warning: Brevard, coastal Duval, coastal Flagler, coastal Nassau, coastal St. Johns, and coastal Volusia
- Coastal Flood Advisory: Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Palm Beach, Putnam, and St. Johns
- Wind gusts from 40-65 mph are generally forecast in the tropical storm warning area with sustained winds at 30-45 mph
- Additional rainfall amounts of 1-4" with localized heavier amounts will be possible across the Space and First Coasts through tomorrow
- Minor coastal flooding is possible at high tide times along the Atlantic coast, the Intercostal Waterway, and the lower St. Johns River
- Elevated surf, dangerous rip currents, and pockets of moderate to severe beach erosion will be likely at all Atlantic beaches tonight and tomorrow.

The next briefing packet will be issued tomorrow. For the latest information on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website at <u>www.hurricanes.gov</u>.



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