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## Craven County Prepares for Hurricane Isaias

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County Government is closely monitoring Hurricane Isaias as it approaches the North Carolina Coast. Craven County Emergency Management will continue to follow established Emergency Operations Plans and Procedures. Citizens are urged to make preparations for the potential of high winds, heavy rain, power outages and localized flooding. High winds, heavy rain and flooding have the potential for life threatening conditions and widespread damages.

Now is the time for Craven County residents to make sure they have a plan and are prepared for this storm. Citizens are encouraged to check their Emergency Supply Kits and Pet Disaster Supply Kits for needed supplies during a hurricane. More time than usual may be necessary to obtain emergency supply kit materials so citizens are encouraged to make preparations earlier than normal due to COVID-19 and social distancing. Residents are also encouraged to add hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, liquid soap, sanitizing wipes and at least two cloth face coverings for each person over the age of two to their emergency supply kits. Also, prepare by having an adequate supply of flashlights, batteries, bottled water, non-perishable foods and medicines. Citizens using home oxygen are encouraged to have an alternative oxygen supply in the event of prolonged power outages.

Residents are encouraged to know a safe place to shelter and to have several ways to receive weather alerts such as National Weather Service cell phone alerts, NOAA Weather Radio or follow the @NWS Twitter alerts. If staying with family or friends to evacuate from the storm, talk to them about how everyone can best be protected from COVID-19. Consider if either of the households have someone who is at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 and what they can do to stay safe. Be sure to follow every day preventative actions, including covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands well and often, and avoiding touching eyes, noses and mouths with unwashed hands. Have a plan for what to do if someone starts to show COVID-19 related symptoms.

Mariners and boat owners need to make preparations for high winds to secure all vessels and/or relocation of boats affected by the East Front Street Bridge and Rail Road Bridges before notice of closure to boat traffic is issued.

Individuals planning to travel should use extreme caution and good judgment when planning travel routes and should never drive through standing or rushing water. Remember, "Turn Around Don't Drown®."

All citizens, law enforcement and emergency response personnel are encouraged to cooperate with all safety measures being taken and abide by any restrictions which may become necessary to overcome the emergency situation.

Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven County website at [www.cravencountync.gov](http://www.cravencountync.gov), on the Craven County Facebook page [@cravencounty](https://www.facebook.com/cravencounty) and the Craven County Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync). Visit the Craven County website to register to receive emergency notifications via text, email and phone calls through the CodeRed Emergency Notification System.

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