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Tropical Storm Isaias Update #1

[Charleston County](#) is closely monitoring Tropical Storm Isaias as it moves towards the east coast of the United States. According to the National Weather Service, it is too early to determine if there will be impacts to South Carolina. Charleston County Emergency Management is preparing should the storm bring severe weather to the State.

“There is a lot uncertainty with the track of this storm, but the time to prepare is now as we could see impacts from Tropical Storm Isaias as early as this weekend,” said Emergency Management Director Jason Patno. “Generally the tropics become more active in August and September so now is the time to check your family emergency plans, build your emergency supply kit, and be ready should an evacuation be ordered this hurricane season. This year also presents some unique challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. We want to remind citizens that due to social distancing guidelines, shelter space will be very limited, so again we encourage everyone to make their plans early this year.”

Citizens are advised to monitor local media for weather updates and review their hurricane plans. [Charleston County Emergency Management](#) staff is participating in daily conference calls to remain up-to-date on the storm’s path and potential impacts.

National Weather Service storm page: <https://www.weather.gov/chs/tropical#activestorms>

Current Charleston County Hurricane guide: <http://bit.ly/2LYM9uZ>

- Charleston County residents can register for the Charleston County Citizen Alert System, a free program that allows the public to receive voicemail, text message, and e-mail notifications about emergency situations, such as critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods or a hurricane evacuation order. When notified, citizens will hear a message that gives details on the emergency and includes instructions on any actions they should take. Register online at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085611698#/login>

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