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Hurricane Isaias Monitoring and Preparation **July 31, 2020** **Press Release #1** **6:00 PM**

Carteret County N.C. – The Carteret County Emergency Management Office is closely monitoring Hurricane Isaias. Although the storm is possibly days away from impacting us, the Emergency Management Office urges residents to prepare for possible effects from Hurricane Isaias and advises that residents follow the listed preparations below.

Updates on Storm: Citizens should listen to the local news for the latest advisories from the National Weather Service, monitor the National Hurricane Center (NHC) website. Carteret County Emergency Management Office will post updates to the Carteret County website at www.carteretcountync.gov and Carteret County Emergency Services Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CCES7/>. If you haven't already, please sign up for CodeRed on the Carteret County website at <http://carteretcountync.gov/525/Emergency-Notification>

Prepare an emergency kit: Please prepare an emergency kit for the hurricane. This kit should contain nonperishable food, water (one gallon/person/day) and clothing to sustain each family member for three days. It might be necessary for you to use the kit at your evacuation location. The kit should also include a flashlight, radio and spare batteries. Blankets, rain gear and appropriate footwear also are recommended. Special considerations must be made for the young or disabled. Remember to include baby food and medications as appropriate. In addition, the kit should include photo copies of important family documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies in a waterproof container in case of flooding. A checklist of supplies is available online at www.readync.org

"Know Your Zone" Evacuations: At this time it is important to get familiar with NC Emergency Management's "Know Your Zone," and understand possible evacuation plans if one should be activated. Residents can find their Evacuation Zone by visiting www.knowyourzone.nc.gov. Carteret County Emergency Services does not anticipate any evacuations with this Hurricane. However with the unpredictability known at this time, it is key to be prepared should an evacuation be activated.

Disaster Shelters: The CDC, American Red Cross, and NC Emergency Management have discourage the use of congregate shelters during a disaster in order to reduce the chances of exposure or transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Due to this mandate, County residents are urged to stay with family or friends that live in a safe place, or a hotel and to use a disaster shelter only if no other options exist. At this time, no disaster shelters are expected to open in Carteret County with this storm. However, should a shelter open, residents choosing to use the disaster shelter should be prepared to exercise COVID-19 precautions such as practicing social distancing, wearing cloth face coverings, and frequent hand washing. Residents are encouraged to bring the following needed items to the emergency shelter:

- A cloth face coverings/mask
- Bedding for all household members (cots may not be available per CDC guidance)
- 3-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your household
- Flashlights/batteries
- Hygiene and sanitation needs

- Medications
- Pet needs
- Items your family needs to be comfortable

For more information about developing a safety plan, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/plan>.