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KCB Release #1 -- HURRICANE DORIAN UPDATE on Friday August 30, 2019, 5:00 PM EST

Chances for sustained tropical storm force winds and hurricane force gusts have increased for the Florida Keys possible beginning (at the earliest) as early as midday Sunday in the Ocean reef Area.

Fast-moving squalls with brief damaging wind gusts possible, Monday through at least Tuesday night.

Key Colony Beach Emergency Management is monitoring Hurricane Dorian in coordination with Monroe County Emergency and the National Weather Service (Key West). As of Friday afternoon, the chance for Tropical Storm force winds and Hurricane force wind gusts have increased for the Florida Keys.

Hurricane Dorian is expected to impact mainland Florida as a Category 4 that will weaken as it moves inland. The forecast cone continues to include all of the Florida Keys with Tropical Storm force winds and Hurricane force wind gusts likely. Developed impacts are highly uncertain due to multiple tracking models and weather intensity factors, including the timing of the westward turn beginning tonight, and the slowing of the forward speed of the hurricane.

The earliest time of arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds is Sunday midday potentially lasting through Tuesday night. As the storms slows in speed, the predicted arrival time may be adjusted to Monday morning.

Storm surge combined with King Tides will create flooding conditions on the bay side beginning as early as Monday. Peak flooding may occur on Tuesday. Increasing threat for significant coastal flooding beginning Monday in Florida Bay near the far Upper Keys (Tavernier / Key Largo)... with peak flooding in the upper Keys possibly occurring not until Tuesday. Possibly 2 to 2.5 feet above mean sea level around high tide Bayside/Gulfside Middle/Lower keys.

Key Colony Beach residents and business owners should complete preparations of homes, buildings and properties today and Saturday in advance of tropical storm force winds that are highly likely to affect our area. Everyone should ensure emergency supply kits are complete - at least a 3-day supply of water and non-perishable food as well as a 7-day supply of medications are recommended.

No evacuations of the Florida Keys have been established. We will have more accurate information as the storm progresses. City offices are closed on Monday (Labor Day) and Tuesday due to this storm event. Essential City staff will be working this storm throughout.

Please continue to monitor:

- Local broadcasts
- The National Weather Service Key West at <https://www.weather.gov/key/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NWSKeyWest>.
- www.keycolonybeach.net
- Sign up for Alerts from Monroe County Emergency Management at: <http://www.monroecountyem.com/> to receive important information for the Florida Keys.

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