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KCB Release #2 -- HURRICANE DORIAN UPDATE on Saturday, August 31, 2019, 11:00 AM EST

The forecast track of Category 4 Hurricane Dorian has been shifted to the right (north & east) especially from Monday night onward, reducing the threat of tropical storm or greater conditions for the Florida Keys.

Hurricane Dorian is expected to impact mainland Florida and North as a Category 4 that will weaken as it moves inland. The forecast cone no longer includes the Florida Keys. City officials extend their thoughts and prayers to our northern Florida communities and all Floridians as the storm approaches north of the Keys.

Chances for sustained tropical storm force winds have fallen considerably, especially for the Middle and Lower Keys. The Upper keys remain with near or higher "better-than-even" chances.

No watches or warnings in effect for any portion of the Keys at this time. The need for any watch is being evaluated. Dorian is expected to move west or west-northwest through Monday and slow down. Dorian may remain offshore the east Florida coast; the crucial "right turn" is most likely Monday night and Tuesday. Impacts can extend far outside the track error cone; the timing of the "right turn" sooner may significantly lessen potential impacts.

Fast moving squalls with brief strong wind gusts Monday through at least Tuesday night.

Decreased threat for significant coastal flooding due to the shift in forecast, especially the east end of the Florida Bay.

- Peak water levels likely 2 to 2.5 feet above mean sea level; this is in line with a big "King Tide" event
- The high tide levels you see now... plan for an additional 6 to 12 inches
- Detailed Storm Surge guidance is being reviewed.

Key Colony Beach residents and business owners should consider completing preparations of homes, buildings and properties Saturday/Sunday in advance of storm winds that are moderately likely to affect our area. Everyone should still 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.

City offices are closed on Monday (Labor Day) and Tuesday due to this storm event. Essential City staff will be working this storm throughout. Key Colony Beach Emergency Management continues to monitor Hurricane Dorian in coordination with Monroe County Emergency and the National Weather Service (Key West).

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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