



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**(PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA - JULY 31, 2020)** - It's time, now, to get prepared for Hurricane Isaias. According to the National Weather Service Wakefield, the threat of tropical storm force winds for our area is increasing for as early as Monday morning with increased swell/rip current risk arriving this weekend and **into early next week**. The track and intensity of Hurricane Isaias remains uncertain at this time as the system is still organizing.

The City of Portsmouth's Office of Emergency Management has been monitoring this storm system since Monday and encourages citizens to continue to monitor it to stay informed. Preparations are underway to include gear readiness checks, and for the next 72 hours, the City will coordinate closely with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Please do not delay to prepare your hurricane kits and plans, and if you have not already confirmed which Hurricane Evacuation Zone you live in, please go to [www.KnowYourZoneVA.org](http://www.KnowYourZoneVA.org).

**Links to Hurricane Preparedness resources and information:**

**--The Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide During the COVID-19 Pandemic--**

<http://www.portsmouthva.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8775/Hurricane-Evacuation-Guide-2020-COVID-19--1>

[www.GetFloodFluent.org](http://www.GetFloodFluent.org)

<https://www.vaemergency.gov/hurricane-evacuation-zone-lookup/>

<https://www.vaemergency.gov/hurricanes/>

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

<https://www.ready.gov/>

<https://www.fema.gov/>

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Portsmouthva.gov**



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Telephone Information Line

**398-0682**

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Channel 3**

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Cox 48 or  
Verizon FiOS 39

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