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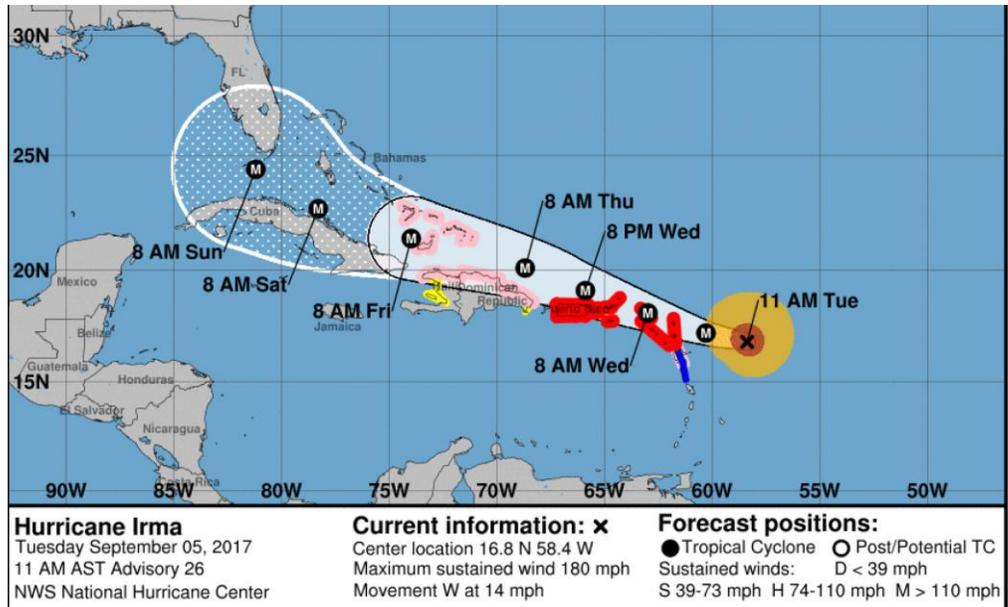
HURRICANE IRMA NOTICE - SEPT 5 - 2:40 PM

North Myrtle Beach, SC – September 5, 2017 – The National Weather Service in Wilmington (focuses on weather conditions for northeastern SC and southeastern NC) has offered the following advisory message:

OVERVIEW:

Irma is expected to be a major hurricane as it moves toward Florida this coming weekend.

Large forecast uncertainties exist for early next week, and the Carolinas could also receive impacts from Irma. It's too early to tell with certainty, do not let your guard down.



IMPACTS:

The potential for dangerous surf and strong rip currents will increase through the week as swells from Irma build and move toward the coast. However, it is too early to tell at this time what, if any, specific storm surge, wind, rainfall, and tornado impacts could occur in this part of the Carolinas.

If direct impacts occur in this part of the Carolinas, they would be expected during a Monday (Sept 11) -Tuesday (Sept 12) time frame.

KEY POINTS MADE BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE:

1) Regardless of the latest track, everyone in hurricane-prone areas across the Southeast U.S. should ensure that they have their hurricane plan in place.

2) Remain alert, check your supplies, and remember that there are large track errors in long-range hurricane predictions.

3) If it is not from an official or credible source, be wary of what you read about Irma on social media. There have been some very creative and purposeful efforts undertaken to post graphics of false hurricane track projections.

PLANNING AHEAD, AND, “KNOW YOUR ZONE”:

If you do not have a plan, we recommend that you visit www.ready.gov which offers good advice on how to prepare for a hurricane. The storm is still far enough out that you do have time to effectively prepare for it, should it head this way.

If an evacuation is ordered (*none has been ordered at this time*), the order will refer to Zones. If you are not familiar with the Zone in which you reside in Horry County or North Myrtle Beach, you can access the information via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y9nj6mlb> If the link does not work for your, visit www.HorryCounty.org.

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