

Subject: Ian=11:00am update

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From: Daniel Barto

All,

The 11:00 am update from Pinellas County Emergency Management. There is a 3:00pm call today as well, so I'll send another update after that. The most recent guesstimates have Ian altering course to our north. While that isnt good for us, it is moving the expected path of Ian to the north, ever so slightly. the Weds/Thursday predictions are at the outer edge of the 5-day cone, please take that into account.

That said, lines for gas are long, various stores are short on water. Hopefully youre all stocked up. Check into your staff's plans as well. During Charlie, evacuation from the state took upwards of 16 hours for a 5 hour trip. During Irma the Governor closed state buildings early. Take time this weekend to be ready just in case.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is issuing advisories on Tropical Storm Ian, currently located in the Caribbean Sea southeast of Jamaica. Maximum sustained winds are at 45 MPH with higher gusts, and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 45 miles from the center.

Tropical Storm Ian is forecast to strengthen into hurricane by early Monday (09/26). Tropical Storm Ian is forecast to approach the Florida peninsula as a major hurricane by Wednesday (09/28), with rapid intensification forecast as the storm moves over the western Caribbean Sea and eastern Gulf of Mexico.

Pinellas County Emergency Management (PCEM) recommends everyone review emergency plans and supplies and prepare for possible activation.

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