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T.S. HENRI UPDATE FROM DESPP/DEMHS AT 6:00 PM AUG 20TH, 2021

HAZARDS EXPECTED ON SUNDAY

NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER FORECAST

HURRICANE WARNINGS ISSUED FOR NEW LONDON, MIDDLESEX AND NEW HAVEN COUNTIES...TROPICAL STORM WARNING ISSUED FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY... LANDFALL NOW EXPECTED NEAR MADISON AT 6:00 PM SUNDAY EVENING...

At 5:00 PM Tropical Storm (T.S.) Henri was located at Lat. 31.2 North Long. 73.9 West or approximately 290 miles south southeast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. T.S. Henri is moving to the north northwest at 7 MPH with maximum sustained winds of 70 MPH. Henri is expected to become a Hurricane in the next 12 hours.

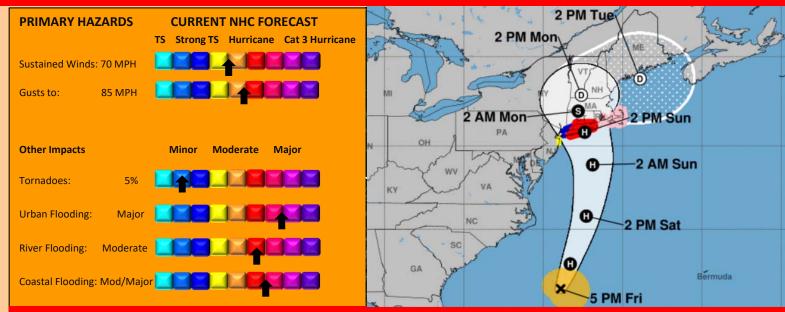
Henri is forecast to turn to the north northeast later this evening. Henri is then forecast to accelerate up the U.S. east coast (remaining 200 – 300 miles off-shore) on Saturday and Saturday night as the Hurricane crosses the warm gulf stream waters east of the Carolina's and Virginia. The first effects of Henri are now expected to begin around daybreak Sunday morning. Wind and rain are expected to steadily increase during the day and Henri is forecast to make landfall near Madison, CT Sunday evening between 6:00 – 7:00 PM as a borderline Category I hurricane with sustained winds of 70 MPH and gusts to 85 MPH.

Moderate to Major Coastal Flooding Possible: High tide on Sunday occurs in New London at 9:49 AM and 10:10 PM and in Bridgeport at 11:52 AM and 12:10 AM Monday morning. A storm surge of 2 – 4 feet is expected to cause high end moderate flooding along the west coast for the evening high tides. Major flooding is possible along the central and southeastern coast with storm surges of 3 – 5 feet.

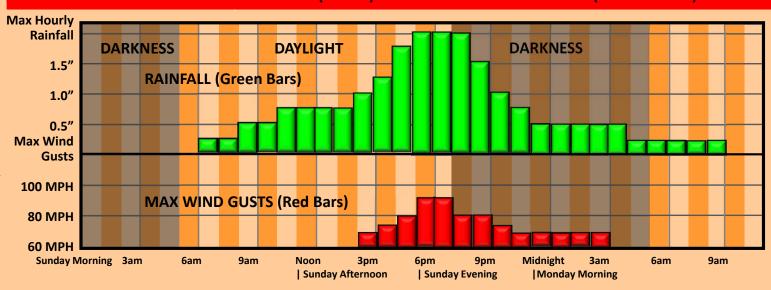
Moderate River and Major Urban Flooding Possible: Henri is expected to bring 4" – 6"+ of rainfall to the entire state which may cause moderate to major urban flooding and moderate river and stream flooding Sunday afternoon and evening.

Moderate to Major Tree and Powerline Damage Possible: Winds may gust to 60 – 85 MPH at times in south central and southeastern CT late Sunday afternoon and evening with wind gusts of 50 – 60 MPH across the rest of the state. These wind speeds could cause major tree and powerline damage across the state.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to closely monitor the progress of Henri. The next update on Henri will be sent out at 8:15 AM tomorrow morning.



MAXIMUM WIND GUST (COAST) AND HEAVY RAINFALL TIMING (ENITRE STATE)



Landfall In: 48 Hours

Evacuation Starts In: TBD

Evacuation Ends in: TBD