



# St. Johns County Emergency Management

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For Immediate Release

## **Isaias Downgraded to Tropical Storm, Expected to Strengthen to Hurricane Status Again on Sunday**

**St. Johns County, FL** – The National Weather Service downgraded Isaias to a tropical storm on Saturday, August 1; however, the storm is projected to gain strength overnight and be categorized as a hurricane again on Sunday. St. Johns County Administration and Emergency Management staff continue to monitor Tropical Storm Isaias' track and remain in contact with the National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center. St. Johns County residents and businesses are advised to remain vigilant and proactive in preparing homes and structures for potential tropical storm impacts.

St. Johns County declared a Local State of Emergency on Saturday and the Emergency Operations Center remained operational throughout the day. Sand bag operations will cease at 12 p.m. on Sunday. In addition, swimming at all St. Johns County beaches, including the Fort Matanzas National Monument beaches, will be prohibited beginning at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday.

St. Johns County will release updates as new information is made available. Residents may find local Hurricane Isaias information on the County's website at [www.sjcfl.us/HurricaneIsaias](http://www.sjcfl.us/HurricaneIsaias). Weather updates related to Hurricane Isaias may be found at [www.weather.gov/jax](http://www.weather.gov/jax) or [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov). For additional information, please call the St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center Hotline at 904.824.5550.

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