



Pinellas County

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT #2

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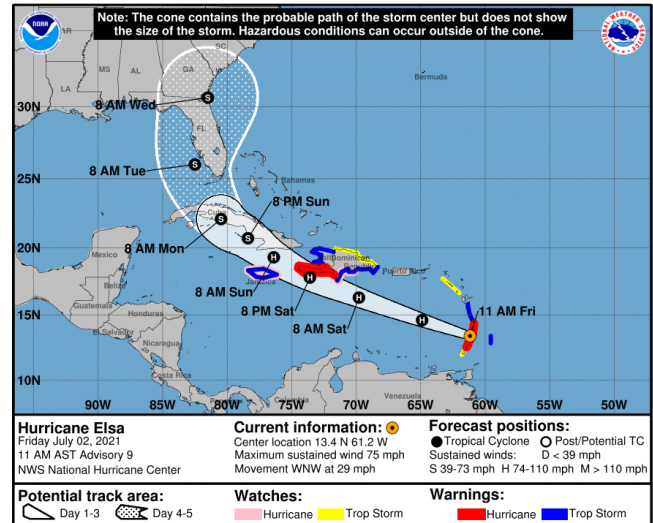
1. INCIDENT NAME Hurricane Elsa	2. DATE 07/02/2021	3. TIME 11:00 AM
4. EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL Level 3 – Enhanced Monitoring	5. LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED? No	6. PREPARED BY EOC Planning Section

CURRENT SITUATION	EVENT GRAPHICS
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The National Hurricane Center has upgraded Elsa to a Hurricane this morning, currently located over the Lesser Antilles. Maximum sustained winds are currently at 75 MPH with higher gusts, and tropical storm force winds extend out 140 miles from the center.

The forecast track for Hurricane Elsa indicates the storm will continue moving to the WNW to NW over the next few days, approaching the Florida peninsula by Tuesday (07/06) as a strong tropical storm. The fast forward-motion and potential land interaction may impact the intensity forecast for Elsa. Recent rainfalls may have resulted in ground saturation which could exacerbate localized flooding and impacts to trees from high winds.

Pinellas County is in the five day cone for Hurricane Elsa. PCEM continues to recommend everyone review and complete preparedness actions, *especially ahead of the holiday weekend.*



IMPACTS

- It is too early to determine exact impacts to Pinellas County at this time. PCEM is monitoring forecasts and is coordinating with the National Weather Service (NWS).

COUNTY ACTIVITIES

- The EOC is activated to a Level 3 – Enhanced Monitoring. Use normal office numbers for PCEM staff.
- The County Information Center (CIC) is open today (07/02) from 8AM – 8PM.
- The EOC may activate to a Level 2 – Partial Activation this weekend, and if evacuations need to occur, a Level 1 – Full Activation. **EOC staff are encouraged to prepare for possible activation and monitor notifications for activation details/notices.**
- PCEM is continuing to monitor the situation and coordinate with partners on protective actions and unmet needs.
- PCEM will conduct a ROC/EM partner call and webinar today (07/02) at 3:00 PM.
- The Special Needs Task Force and the Shelter Task Force met today to discuss preparations and will meet again tomorrow (07/03) at 8:30 AM.
- The Executive Policy Group will meet later today to discuss updates and protective actions.
- Pinellas County Public Works is continuing to conduct inspections of flood-prone areas and drainage systems.
- Regional Public Information Officers met yesterday (07/01) and Pinellas County Communications is continuing to coordinate preparedness messaging with partners.
- The next Situation Report for Hurricane Elsa will be issued later this evening (07/02).

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Especially with the upcoming holiday weekend, share weather forecasts, protective measure actions, and review emergency plans/supplies with your partners and communities. Ensure you have coverage for any potential activation needs that may occur into next week.**
- Agencies should provide updates in the WebEOC related to Hurricane Elsa in the **2021 – Hurricane Elsa** incident.
- Monitor the weather reports and social media sites on a regular basis:
 - <https://www.hurricanes.gov/> and <http://weather.gov/tampabay>
 - <https://mobile.twitter.com/pinellasem> and <http://www.pinellascounty.org/social-networking.htm>
- Public Information Resources
 - <https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather-toolkit> and http://pinellascounty.org/emergency/PDF/All_Hazard_Guide.pdf

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