



Pinellas County

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT #1

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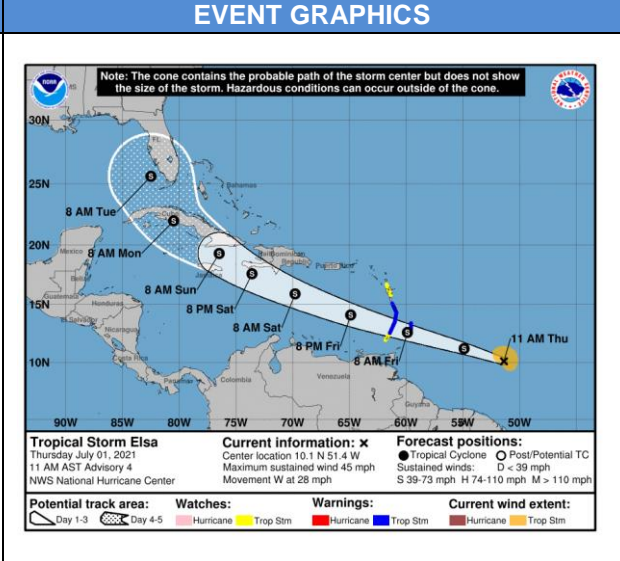
1. INCIDENT NAME Tropical Storm Elsa	2. DATE 07/01/2021	3. TIME 12:00 PM
4. EOC ACTIVATION LEVEL Level 3 – Enhanced Monitoring	5. LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED? No	6. PREPARED BY EOC Planning Section

CURRENT SITUATION

The National Hurricane Center is issuing advisories on Tropical Storm Elsa, currently located to the east of the Lesser Antilles. Maximum sustained winds are currently at 45 MPH, with tropical storm force winds extending out 90 miles (mostly to the north) from the center.

The forecast track for Tropical Storm 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. Elsa is forecast to remain a tropical storm through the next five days. 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 Tropical Storm Elsa. PCEM recommends 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 from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM to answer resident inquiries. The CIC will be open Friday 07/02 8AM – 8PM, with additional hours and dates TBD.
- PCEM is monitoring the situation and coordinating with partners, and will conduct a ROC/EM partner call and webinar today 07/01 at 3:00 PM.
- PCEM is coordinating with the State on protective actions and unmet needs.
- The Special Needs Task Force and the Shelter Task Force will meet today at 1:00 PM to discuss preparations.
- The Executive Policy Group and Pinellas County Administration have been briefed on the situation.
- Pinellas County Public Works has begun conducting inspections of flood-prone areas and drainage systems.
- Pinellas County Marketing and Communications is coordinating preparedness messaging and is conducting a regional Public Information Officer meeting today (07/01) at 3:30 PM.
- The next Situation Report for Tropical Storm Elsa will be issued by tomorrow afternoon 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 Event Reporting – Activity Log related to Tropical Storm Elsa under the **2021 – Tropical Storm Elsa** incident.
- Monitor the weather reports and social media sites on a regular basis:
 - <https://www.hurricanes.gov/>
 - <http://weather.gov/tampabay>
 - <https://mobile.twitter.com/pinellasem>
 - <http://www.pinellascounty.org/social-networking.htm>
- Public Information Resources
 - <https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather-toolkit>
 - http://pinellascounty.org/emergency/PDF/All_Hazard_Guide.pdf

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