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Ocracoke Residents and Visitors are Asked to Closely Monitor Tropical Storm Colin

The latest forecast from the National Weather Service shows Tropical Storm Colin tracking slightly closer to Ocracoke, Hyde County. Colin is an unorganized storm and significant uncertainties remain in its exact track and thus the local impacts. There have been only minor changes. A tropical storm warning is now in effect on the coastal waters south of Oregon Inlet, but no watch or warning has been issued for the land at this time.

The Hyde County Emergency Service Department issued the following statement:

Ocracoke Island visitors should strongly consider the projected impacts from Tropical Storm Colin when deciding whether to remain on the island or preparing to depart for their stay this week. Ocracoke and OBX Dare County are forecast to receive heavy rainfall starting this evening which may result in transportation delays or impassable roads. Additionally, the current forecast track places Ocracoke within the tropical storm force wind field for approximately four (4) hours, starting at around 12:00 PM tomorrow. Standing water and tropical storm force winds could impact ferry operations tomorrow. Due to the forward speed of the system, there is little to no chance of issuing and implementing emergency protective measures before conditions deteriorate this evening into tomorrow. Please consider these factors, closely monitor the forecast, and exercise sound judgement while making your travel plans.

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