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HIGH WINDS UPDATE FROM DESPP / DEMSH - ISSUED FEB 7 2020 AT 11:00 AM

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER: MONITORING

HIGH WIND WARNINGS ISSUED FOR THE SOUTHEAST COAST...WIND ADVISORIES ISSUED FOR THE REST OF THE STATE...DEPARTING STORM EXPECTED TO BRING STRONG WINDS TO THE STATE THIS AFTERNOON...

The National Weather Service has issued High Wind Warnings for southern Middlesex and Southern New London counties starting at noon and continuing until 7:00 PM. Wind Advisories are in effect for the rest of the state this afternoon. Note: Radar is currently showing a line of strong to severe thunderstorms moving across central New Jersey. These thunderstorms are moving guickly to the northeast at 50 - 55 MPH. These thunderstorms may hold together long enough to bring gusty winds to our area between noon and 2:00 PM.

For this afternoon: A rapidly intensifying low pressure system over our area this morning is forecast to move to the northeast this afternoon. As the storm pulls away a tight pressure gradient will form over our area pushing in strong westerly winds this afternoon. Winds are forecast to be sustained at 25 MPH inland and 30 MPH along the coast. Wind gusts could reach 50 MPH inland and 60 MPH along the southeast coast at times. The strongest winds are expected to occur between noon – 6:00 PM.

The strong winds may cause a hazard for high profile vehicles this afternoon. Some power outages are also expected to occur. However, with no leaves on the trees, the overall impact is expected to be minor. The strong winds are forecast to begin subsiding this evening.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest conditions. However, this will be the only update unless significant impacts are reported.

FORECAST IMPACTS NEXT 24 HOURS

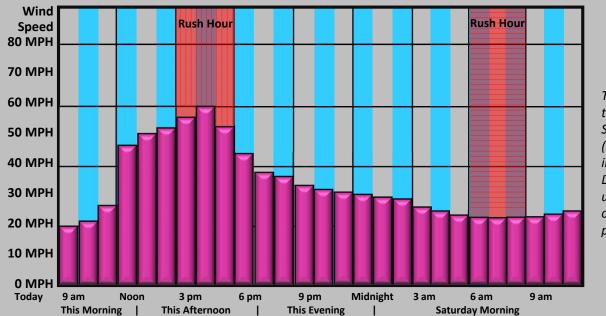




WEATHER MAP AT 1:00 PM



Maximum Hourly Wind Gusts



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