

SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

SUBJECT: Hurricane Sally

SITREP #: 2020-7.1

ISSUED: Monday, September, 14 2020 at 7:00 PM

OVERVIEW

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) is forecasting Hurricane Sally to make landfall between southeastern Louisiana and the western Florida panhandle early Wednesday morning as a category two hurricane. After landfall, Sally will interact with a stalled frontal boundary. This interaction will steer the remnants of Sally northeastward into central Georgia. As currently forecast, we should begin to feel impacts Thursday morning and into the day Friday. Impacts include heavy rainfall (with the potential of flash flooding), breezy conditions (15-30mph), and a small chance of brief, isolated tornadoes. The extent of our impacts will be determined by the positioning of the stalled frontal boundary. At this time, it is too early to know exactly where this boundary will be located.

Please be aware that this is a developing situation and that the forecast will likely change. The Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor Hurricane Sally and its forecasted impacts for the metro area. A more detailed, impact-based situational awareness will be posted tomorrow afternoon.

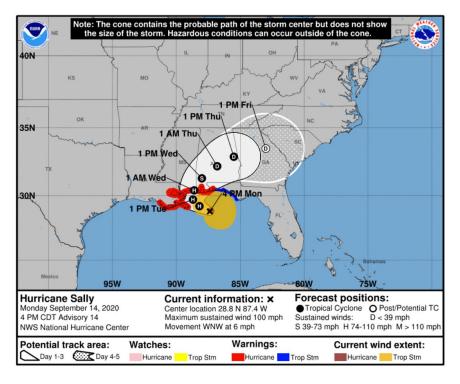


Figure 1: Latest NHC Hurricane Sally Advisory

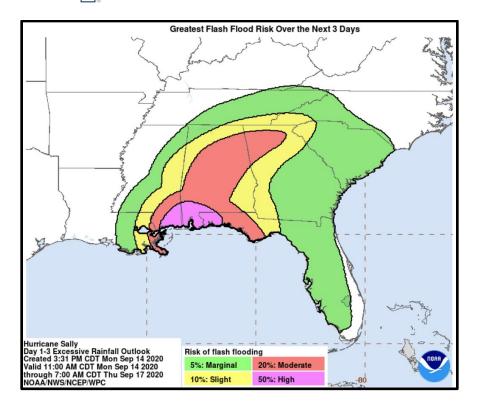


Figure 2: Hurricane Sally Day 1-3 Excessive Rainfall Outlook

PRIMARY HAZARDS

The primary hazard will be flash flooding in the metro Atlanta area. Campus generally manages heavy rainfall events without issue however, many areas outside of campus are prone to flash flooding. Please be mindful of this when traveling to and from campus.

TIMING

Thursday AM - Friday PM

NEXT STEPS

- The Georgia Tech Police Department Office of Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.
- Follow the GT Office of Emergency Management on twitter @gtpdalerts.
- For the latest forecast information, please visit the National Weather Service at http://weather.gov/atlanta and the National Hurricane Center at http://nhc.noaa.gov.