

**NFL Section Manager Message Sep 5 2017**

**Subject:** Hurricane Irma - Initial Advisory

**Importance:** High

This is the initial CODB Hurricane Advisory for Hurricane Irma (NHC Advisory Bulletin #26).

- At 5am EDT Tuesday, Hurricane Irma was located about 320 miles east of the northern Leeward Islands, or about 1,620 miles east-southeast of Miami.
- Maximum sustained winds have increased to 180 mph, making Irma a category 5 storm on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind scale.
- Some fluctuations in intensity are likely during the next day or two, but Irma is forecast to remain a powerful hurricane due to low wind shear and favorable sea-surface temperatures.
- Irma is moving toward the west near 14 mph, and this general motion is expected to continue today, followed by a turn toward the west-northwest tonight.
- Long-range models are predicting a northward turn to occur in about 6 days, but exactly when the turn occurs is still uncertain.
- Hurricane hunter aircraft will continue to investigate the system regularly through the week.

**Florida Outlook:**

- South Florida lies within the NHC 5 day cone of error, but no watches or warnings are currently in effect.
- Wind impacts to South Florida from Irma could occur as early as Friday night.
- Although specifics on storm surge are not yet available, a storm of this size and intensity would have the ability to produce dangerous storm surge heights across portions of South Florida and the Florida Keys.
- In addition, rainfall amounts could reach as high as 10-15", but specifics on the location of high rainfall totals is still uncertain.

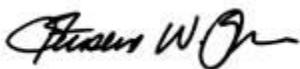
***THIS IS THE TIME TO DO YOUR PERSONAL PLANNING – MAKE A PLAN, PROTECT YOURSELF. DON'T DEPEND ON "SOMEONE ELSE" FOR YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY!!***

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Next Advisory will be mid-day Wednesday, September 6, 2017 (after NOAA/NC/NWS 1100 AM EDT updates)

**EVERYONE COUNTS!**

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