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GOHSEP MONITORING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Baton Rouge (November 21) – The Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is asking residents to prepare themselves for another round of severe weather. The National Weather Service (NWS) has indicated that a line of thunderstorms is expected to move through the state on Saturday evening and continuing Saturday night before tapering off Sunday. Most of central and south Louisiana will be under a SLIGHT risk of severe weather, with northern Louisiana under a MARGINAL risk. Rainfall from 1 to 3 inches with isolated higher amounts will be possible and is expected to occur within an 18-20 hour period. Also, there is a chance for some strong to severe storms, including tornadoes, damaging winds, and hail. The forecast areas for Louisiana have been broken down below.

FORECAST for LOUISIANA

Southwest Louisiana: Showers and storms will become widespread on Saturday evening as a strong upper-level storm system approaches the region. During this time the primary threat is expected to be damaging winds, however; the possibility of tornado activity and hail cannot be ruled out. Dry weather is expected to return by late Sunday and continue through the early part of next week.

Southeast Louisiana: A vigorous storm system will bring a threat of strong and severe thunderstorms to the outlook area Saturday night into Sunday morning. During this time damaging winds, hail and tornado activity are expected to be the primary threats. In addition, the strong winds will continue over the coastal waters Saturday morning leading to small craft advisory conditions over all of the waters, now including the sounds and tidal lakes. This will persist through Saturday night and likely through Sunday.

Central Louisiana: Showers and storms will become widespread on Saturday as a strong upper-level storm system approaches the region. At this time there is a slight chance for severe weather on Saturday evening continuing throughout the night, with large hail and damaging winds being the primary threats. Tornado activity will also be possible during this time. Dry weather is expected to return by late Sunday and continue through the early part of next week.

North Louisiana: A strong upper level storm system is expected to bring numerous thunderstorms to the area during Saturday evening and overnight. While widespread severe storms are not expected, a few damaging wind gusts and even hail cannot be ruled out.

Impacts/Precautions:

- Damaging wind gust in excess of 60 mph which could down trees and power lines and/or cause structural damages.
 - Winds this strong can make driving difficult, especially for high profile vehicles and high rise bridges. Use extra caution.
 - Winds over local waterways could be 5 mph higher than over land. Small boats will be especially prone to capsizing.
- Isolated tornadoes
 - If you receive a tornado warning, protect yourself and your family; seek shelter immediately.
- Large hail
 - Stay inside until the hail stops
 - Stay away from windows, especially those being struck by hail
 - If you are outside, seek shelter immediately. If you can't find something to protect your entire body, find something to protect your head.

“We urge all Louisiana citizens to pay close attention to your local area forecast and watch for advisories from the National Weather Service, ALERT FM, and your local media,” said GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis. “We must remember here in Louisiana, we must always be prepared for varying weather events and should at all times have our **Game Plan** in place with necessary preparedness actions for our family and business.”

You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new ALERT FM App. It is free for basic service. You can also download the new Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other important information at www.getagameplan.org. The Get a Game Plan App is also available for download to your smart phones or tablets.

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