

Memo

To: All Moorings Park Institute Residents and Staff
From: Ross Dickmann, Chief Operating Officer
Cc: File
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Subj: Tropical Storm Idalia Update Number 2

At 4:00 p.m. this afternoon, the National Hurricane Center places Idalia nearly adjacent to the western tip of Cuba with maximum sustained wind velocity at 70 mph, just shy of a category one hurricane. The system is following a northern path that is expected to veer toward the northeast later tonight as it clears the island of Cuba. At that time, Idalia is expected to become a category one hurricane and veer northeasterly toward Big Bend Florida. As Idalia traverses the warmer waters of the Gulf of Mexico, it will likely increase velocity to a category two, and even reach major hurricane status prior to making landfall early Wednesday morning in the northeast panhandle. It is important to recognize that even the slightest degree of course change can make a significant difference as to where landfall occurs.

While current models do not call for weather warnings beyond tropical storm in and around SWFL, including Naples, we will nonetheless be prepared for a greater threat in the event Idalia is influenced more toward the east, an obvious reminder of Hurricane Ian.