

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**TROPICAL STORM BETA**

Tropical Storm Beta will continue to move slowly towards the Texas coast today and tomorrow, and it is forecast to strengthen on Sunday. Little change in Beta’s strength is expected today. Heavy rain along the coast and a long duration coastal flood event is likely. Tropical Storm Warnings are now in effect from Port Aransas northward. Hurricane Watches are in effect from Port Aransas to High Island.

The probabilities of seeing tropical storm force winds inland over Southeast Texas have increased. Polk County is not under a Tropical Storm Warning at this time, but the National Weather Service will likely add some inland counties to the Tropical Storm Warning this afternoon.

This is a slow moving storm and will likely not depart until mid-week. Confidence in the track is increasing, but confidence in the intensity forecast is still low.

Polk County Emergency Management will continue to monitor the development and track of Tropical Storm Beta. Please stay weather aware and keep your emergency supply kits ready!

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