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JIC Partially Activated; Guam in COR 2; Typhoon Watch in Effect for Tropical Storm Champi

The Joint Information Center (JIC) is partially activated for Tropical Storm Champi (29W). Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero placed the island in Condition of Readiness (COR) 2, effective 1:00 p.m. today.

In coordination with the Government of Guam, Joint Region Marianas and its installations declared Tropical Cyclone Condition of Readiness (TCCOR) 2 at approximately 1 p.m.

Current Status

● A Typhoon Watch is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, per the National Weather Service (NWS) in Tiyan.
● A Flood Watch is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through Sunday afternoon. Flooding may occur in poor drainage and urban areas.
● As of 7 a.m. ChST, Champi was located about 750 miles east of Guam, moving west-northwest at 12 mph, with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph.
● NWS expects Champi to strengthen further today and to move through the region as at least a Category 1 typhoon, with a higher likelihood of being stronger. The exact path remains subject to change. NWS advises that it is too early to provide exact wind and surge values for specific locations, and that residents should not focus on the exact forecast track.

What to Expect

● **Wind:** Tropical storm-force winds are forecast to begin affecting the area Saturday evening, with typhoon-force winds possible Sunday morning through Sunday afternoon. Timing and impacts will depend on Champi's track and intensity. NWS advises of the possibility of at least extensive damage somewhere within Guam and the Northern Marianas.
● **Surf:** Surf of 7 to 9 feet could become hazardous Saturday evening, at least on east-facing reefs, then rapidly become dangerous and life-threatening at 15 to 20 feet by Sunday morning. All reefs could be affected, but it is too early to determine which will be affected most.
● **Storm surge and wave runup:** Depending on Champi's exact location as it moves through the Marianas, storm surge inundation of 2 to 3 feet is possible. Wave runup, which is separate from storm surge, could be as high as 12 feet. NWS advises that inundation could exceed 3 feet near the center of Champi. Impacts will vary by location.
● **Rain:** Rainfall totals of 6 to 12 inches are possible, with torrential rain Saturday night and Sunday at least. Be ready to act if Flash Flood Warnings are issued.
● **Marine:** A Typhoon Watch is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan coastal waters, with typhoon conditions possible within the next 48 hours. Mariners should secure vessels and remain in port or seek safe harbor. Small craft should return to port.

Prepare Now

● Preparations for your home or business should be well underway or near completion.
● Cover windows and doors with shutters or plywood, bring in loose outdoor items, and brace garage doors.
● Make any trips to the hardware store, grocery store, or gas station as early as possible.
● Clear debris blocking drainage, especially if you live near a river, stream, or flood-prone area.
● NWS advises that residents of metal-roof or container homes, storm surge zones, or flood-prone areas identify a safe place to relocate, such as the sturdy home of family or friends outside of evacuation zones.
● Follow official announcements for any shelter openings or evacuation orders. As general guidance, pets are not allowed in most public shelters, so check ahead with your intended shelter.

Next NWS local statement: around 3 p.m. ChST, or sooner if conditions warrant.

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