



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor

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**Governor David M. Apatang Declares Typhoon Condition III
For Saipan, Tinian, and Rota**

(Saipan, CNMI) - As of 11:30 a.m., the Office of the Governor and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), in consultation with the National Weather Service (NWS Guam) Weather Forecast Office (WFO), has declared Typhoon Condition III for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Typhoon Condition III means that typhoon conditions, including winds of 74 MPH or more, are *possible* within 48 hours.

Tropical Storm Sinlaku 04W continues to organize north-northwest of Chuuk and is moving slowly in a west-northwest direction. It is expected to continue for another roughly 24 to 36 hours before increasing slightly in forward speed. Models continue to show a slight spread where TS Sinlaku's track could shift slightly north or south, though these ranges are narrowing and will continue to narrow over the next 12-24 hours.

The Marianas should prepare for the potential of Tropical Storm- to Typhoon-Force winds, with the most likely time for Tropical Storm-Force winds around Monday. For the far Northern Mariana Islands, breezy and choppy sea conditions are expected late this weekend and into early next week, with potential for Tropical Storm-Force winds around Tuesday.

This is expected to produce 15 to 20 inches of rainfall across Guam and Rota, and 8 to 15 inches are expected for Tinian and Saipan from Monday through Thursday. Widespread showers, torrential rain, and scattered thunderstorms are expected as Sinlaku moves through the Marianas Monday through Thursday.

All information regarding shelters, transportation to shelters, the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation (CHCC), public and private schools, and government offices will be provided at a later time.

Prepare for Tropical Storm and Typhoon Strength Winds

In preparation for anticipated tropical storm and typhoon-strength winds, Governor David M. Apatang, Lt. Dennis James C. Mendiola, and CNMI HSEM advise CNMI residents to take the following preparation measures:

- Gas vehicles and obtain fuel for your generators.
- Secure loose debris and belongings around your household or yard.
- Those living in flood-prone areas should take action; clear drainage areas and unblock storm drains to minimize flooding.
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around. Don't Drown.

Caller Box 10007, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

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- Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating small vessels, should avoid boating in hazardous conditions.
- If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don't swim against the current. If able, swim in the direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help.
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents, and keep copies in a weather-proof bag.
- Prepare to close storm shutters.
- Have a prepared emergency preparedness kit with first-aid kits, batteries, flashlights, toiletries, and a portable stove in your household.
- Stock up on food and water, as appropriate, for your household.
- Stay up to date with the latest information from the National Weather Service, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and other official sources.

Stay Informed

The Office of the Governor advises the community to keep a close watch on official updates regarding weather forecasts and stay informed about the latest statements and advisories, which will be available through official channels (listed below) and media partners.

For additional information, visit the following:

- CNMIEOCStateWarning Point Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cnmieocswp/>
- CNMIOfficeoftheGovernor Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cnmigovernor>
- NWSWebsite: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWSFacebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- Joint Typhoon Warning Center Website: <https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html>

For more information, contact HSEM Public Information Officer Bernard Villagomez at b.villagomez@cnmihsem.gov.mp or call 670-287-7106.

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