



Remarks

By

**Minister of National Security,
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HURRICANE HUMBERTO UPDATE

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Good afternoon everyone,

Hurricane Humberto is now a category 2 hurricane and forecast to continue tracking towards Bermuda.

I just got out of a meeting with the Emergency Measures Organization in my capacity as the Chairman of the organization. At the conclusion, we have decided the following will happen on Wednesday:

- Everybody should be off the roads by 7pm.
- All public schools will close at 12pm
- The last ferry will leave Hamilton at 12pm
- All buses will be off the roads at 5pm with the last bus leaving at 4pm
- All government offices will close at 12noon and reopen as per normal on Thursday.
- Wednesday's trash collection will take place on Wednesday morning. All trash should be on the curb side by 7am. No trash will be collected after noon or on Thursday.
- Access to the causeway will be restricted to emergency vehicles only as of 7pm. The public are strongly advised not to use the Causeway after this time.
- The Bermuda regiment will be embodied.
- King Edward will initiate their Hospital Incident Command tomorrow evening with increased staffing levels.

- Ambulances will be strategically assigned around the island.
- Belco will have members of staff also position in east, west and central parishes.
- Cedarbridge Academy will be open as the storm shelter for those who need from 5pm
- The emergency broadcast channel will be live as of 7pm and will provide updates throughout the night.
- The public are strongly advised to avoid the roads until given the all clear by the EMO.
- No Lifeguards as of 2pm Wednesday and the beaches will close at 6pm.
- There will be no outpatient clinics tomorrow.
- The next emo meeting will be tomorrow at 10am.

I also encourage the public to keep abreast of the latest information and updates on Hurricane Humberto by downloading and installing the Bermuda Government Tree Frog app, available for free from the Apple and Google Play store.

You can also visit gov.bm and the Government of Bermuda Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for information.

I will now turn you over to National Disaster Coordinator Steve Cosham for further information.