



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT: 2021 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON

I. TROPICAL UPDATE

As of today, there have been 5 named storms in the Atlantic, this hurricane season. Currently there is a tropical storm in the Atlantic, Elsa, expected to impact Florida on Wednesday and will travel through SC as a Tropical Depression early on Thursday. Stay tuned to weather updates through the week for its impact in SC.

Stay up to date by following the [National Hurricane Center](#) website. Also follow the [National Weather Service-Charleston](#) and [National Weather Service-Wilmington](#) tropical sites for local details. For a detailed outlook on the season and a review of storms up to now, visit this [link](#).

II. SC DISABILITY PARTNERS IN DISASTER COALITION AND ABLE SC TO HOLD LISTENING SESSIONS

The South Carolina Disability Partners in Disaster Coalition is holding a series of online listening sessions for individuals with disabilities that live in counties near the coast to learn more about how South Carolina can improve its services for people with disabilities during a disaster, particularly hurricanes.

The sessions are free and will be held online through Zoom. Register for the next session on [July 8](#), from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

III. UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA UPDATES ITS 2021 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON PREDICTION

The University of Arizona Department of Hydrology and Atmospheric Sciences publishes a well-respected Hurricane outlook each season and updates it throughout the year. This year they issued their initial prediction for Atlantic Hurricane season 2021 in April. They called for 18 named storms, 8 hurricanes, and 4 major hurricanes in April.

They updated their forecast on June 16. They are now calling for 19 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 4 major hurricanes for the season. In the update they note that March, April, and May sea surface temperatures are slightly above average with the possibility of a La Nina developing later in the season as it did last year. Until then, they expect the season to be slightly above average in activity.

You can view the University of Arizona update [here](#).