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Increased Chance of Showers Possible Across the Marianas this Weekend and Early Next Week

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor Tropical Depression 08W located about 300 miles east-northeast of Saipan this morning.

While there is no direct threat to the Marianas expected from tropical cyclones at this time, a strengthening monsoon is expected to bring more showers and gustier winds to Guam and the CNMI this weekend and early next week. Tropical weather activity is expected to remain in a busier phase across the western North Pacific for a couple of weeks.

There is a higher chance of showers and thunderstorms expected through next week. Current models show the highest potential is between Monday and Thursday, which may produce the chance for brief flooding.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautionary actions:

- Stay up to date with the latest information;
- If driving, be alert for low visibilities and slippery roads in heavy rain;
- Slow down where water is ponding on the road;
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away;
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, and rivers, during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to practice caution while traveling in heavy rain, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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