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Following a meeting of the Unified Command Group at the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, Governor Bobby Jindal said, “Tropical Storm Isaac continues to track westward and a hurricane watch is in effect for 15 Louisiana parishes. This includes the New Orleans metro area and the parishes adjacent to Lake Pontchartrain. The National Weather Service expects the storm outside of levee protection.”

Baton Rouge – Gov. Bobby Jindal urged Louisianians to get prepared for Tropical Storm Isaac and encouraged voluntary evacuations for people in parishes in the hurricane watch zone that are in low lying areas, areas south of the Intracoastal Waterway and areas outside of levee protection.

It is important to note that an evacuation warning has been issued for parishes south of the Intracoastal Waterway. Current projections indicate Isaac could become a major hurricane and a mandatory evacuation may be necessary as the storm moves closer to landfall in Louisiana.

As the Governor noted, Louisianians must prepare. The Office of the Governor is coordinating with local authorities and will be working with rescue agencies to ensure a coordinated response should an evacuation be necessary.

Louisianians are encouraged to prepare for Isaac. The following areas are under a hurricane watch:

- Acadia
- Allen
- Cameron
- Jefferson
- Lafourche
- St. Bernard
- St. James
- St. John
- St. Charles
- St. Martin
- St. Mary
- Terrebonne
- West Baton Rouge
- Iberia
- Orleans

In addition, the Governor is activation the Louisiana National Guard to support local authorities in preparation for Isaac.

Gov. Jindal urged Louisianians to get prepared for Isaac and to keep an eye on local authorities who will provide additional updates.

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