

State of Delaware



Executive Department
Dover

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE DUE TO TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS

WHEREAS, a tropical storm with high winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flooding is occurring throughout Delaware and will continue to generate significant amounts of rain and flooding throughout the State, with accumulations of three to five inches of rainfall and sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph; and

WHEREAS, the high winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flooding from Tropical Storm Isaias is resulting in coastal flooding, downed trees and power lines leading to potentially extended power outages, and other road hazards that make driving dangerous and create potentially life-threatening conditions for the citizens of Delaware; and

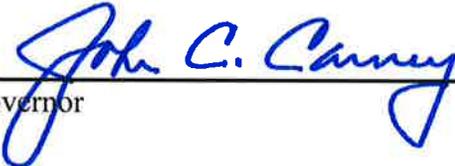
WHEREAS, the predicted weather conditions will likely continue to create dangerous and potentially life-threatening conditions and may result in additional public safety responses.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, do hereby declare a State of Emergency in Delaware. This State of Emergency will be effective as of Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. E.D.T., and shall continue until

terminated as provided under state law. The nature of the emergency is high winds, heavy rainfall, tornadoes, and flooding resulting from Tropical Storm Isaias. Along with such other actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, I specifically direct and authorize:

1. All departments and agencies of the State of Delaware shall assist in response and recovery activities, as directed by and in coordination with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA), in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (DSHS), necessary in those areas affected by the storm. Further, DEMA is authorized to enact the Delaware Emergency Operations Plan.
2. I authorize the Delaware Department of Transportation and the Delaware State Police, in consultation with DEMA and the Secretary of DSHS, to order such bridge and road closures as necessary to protect the health and safety of the public.
3. I reserve the right to take or direct state or local authorities to take, without issuance of further written order, any other necessary actions authorized by Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code to respond to this emergency.

APPROVED this 4th day of August 2020 at 3:00 p.m.


Governor