

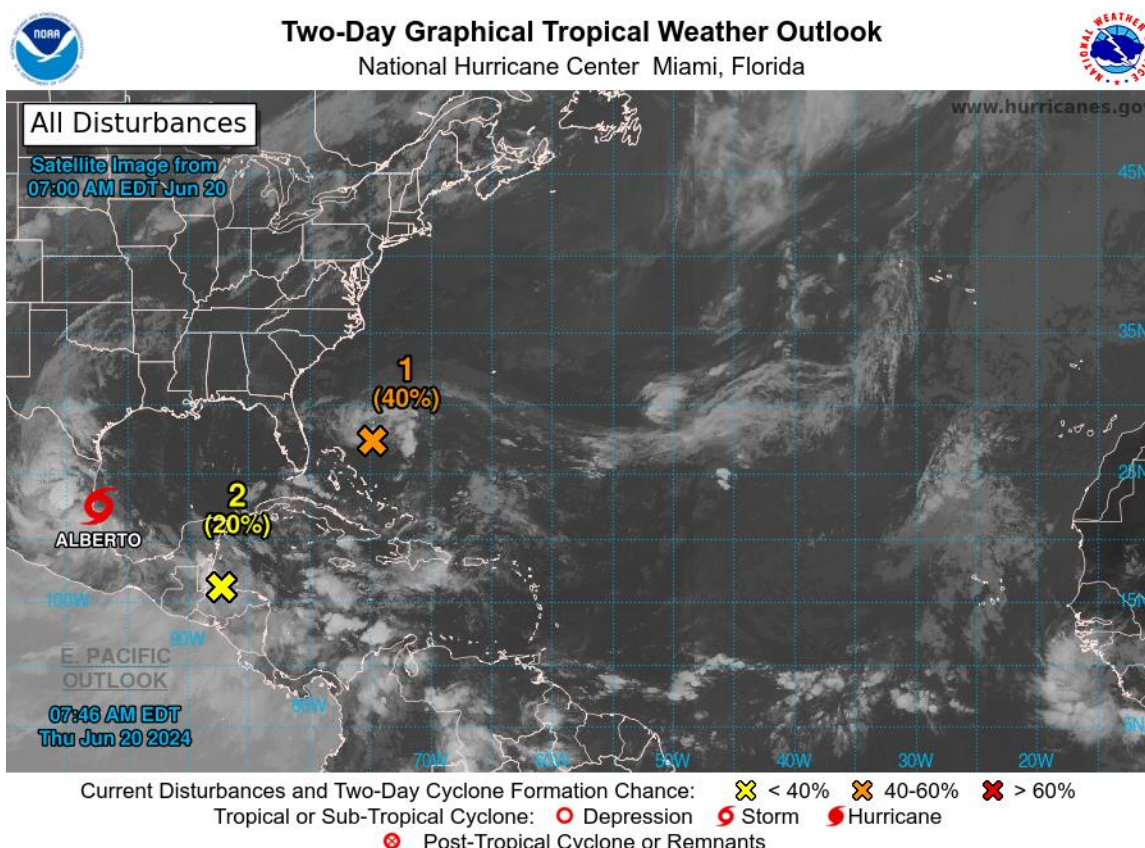
# RC/PIO News & Notes 6-21-2024



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## News and Notes

Summer began at 4:51 yesterday afternoon, and tropical storm activity in the Atlantic has already begun. While this has so far had little to no impact on Georgia, it may well be a sign of things to come if season forecasts hold true.



## Quarter 2 DPH Risk Communicators meeting

The next quarterly statewide Risk Communicators meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. There will be guest presenters from state Emergency Preparedness, Epidemiology and from Ernst & Young. There will be opportunities for district highlights and questions for the group. The agenda includes topics such as plan development, conference highlights, and training, specifically for Media/Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication training. The next DPH CERC training is in the early development stage but is expected to be held in mid-September (tentatively September 19), in Rome.

## Mass Fatality Response meeting



A Mass Fatality Response Statewide Support & Coordination meeting was held Tuesday at the GBI Headquarters in Decatur. Byron Lobsinger walked the multi-agency group through their roles in a potential mass fatality incident. Plans and resources were discussed, including some that are still being developed or updated.



## Next Week Preview

The final week of the fiscal year next week looks to be quite full. On Tuesday GEMA is hosting the annual WinterEx exercise to prepare for severe winter weather response. Wednesday morning will be the Mid-Planning Conference for the EPR on Ice tabletop exercise this fall, and that afternoon will be the aforementioned second quarter statewide DPH Risk Communicators meeting. On Thursday morning there will be the annual review of the state DPH Emergency Operations Plan and the monthly statewide EPR call in the afternoon.

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