

## Upcoming rainfall elevates flood risk across the region

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CHARLESTON, WVa. (WCHS) — Although it was very hot and humid this weekend, area residents were able to close end Sunday on a dry note. However, Sunday will likely mark the last dry day until early next weekend as rain chances will be possible throughout the entire work week.

Showers and storms will be possible as early as Sunday night as a cold front to our north will sag south into the region.

Rain likely will not arrive until late Sunday night and early Monday morning. This will be a broken line of showers and storms which will enter southeastern Ohio and northern West Virginia first. The system will likely arrive to central and southern West Virginia in time for the Monday morning commute.

Widespread shower and thunderstorm activity should wind down by mid-morning on Monday.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop Monday afternoon and evening as a cold front drifts further south. The biggest concern with storms Monday will be heavy downpours, which could lead to localized flash flooding issues. The risk for severe weather will be low Monday, however, isolated damaging wind gust can not be ruled out.

Stray showers and thunderstorms will be possible overnight Monday and into Tuesday morning.

Unfortunately, the cold front will stall out across the region on Tuesday morning, with several waves of low pressure riding along that boundary throughout the week.

A wave of low pressure arrives for Tuesday, which will lead to widespread showers and thunderstorms. Heavy rainfall could lead to localized flash flooding issues Tuesday, especially in low-lying areas.

Similar conditions can be expected for Wednesday, as another wave of low pressure moves in, leading to more widespread shower and thunderstorm chances.

Flooding concerns will become more widespread by Wednesday as the ground will be more saturated by mid-week.

The frontal boundary will lift north as a warm front on Thursday, but scattered showers and thunderstorms will remain a possibility, continuing the threat for high-water conditions.

Flooding concerns will continue for Friday as a cold front will cross the region, leading to another round of showers and storms.

The front looks to push south of the Eyewitness News Viewing Area by Saturday, allowing for conditions to improve. Only stray shower and storms are expected for next weekend.

It's important to remember flood safety. This includes monitoring the levels of nearby bodies of water, especially in flood prone and low-lying areas.

Always have a plan if flooding were to occur and know where to find higher ground.

Knowing the difference between flood watches and flood warnings is crucial. A **flood watch** means to **be prepared**, as conditions are favorable for flooding and flooding is possible.

A **flood warning** means it is time to **take action**, as flooding is occurring or will occur soon.

Be safe this week and stay weather aware!