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Tropical Storm Warning in Effect for USVI

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS — At 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, Tropical Storm Fiona was located about 165 miles southeast of Saint Croix, at 16.4N latitude and 63.3W longitude.

A Tropical Storm Warning remains in effect for Puerto Rico, Vieques, Culebra and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Some strengthening is forecast, and Fiona could be near hurricane strength when it moves near Puerto Rico. For that reason, a Hurricane Watch has been issued for Puerto Rico, including Vieques, and Culebra.

Heavy rainfall remains the main concern this weekend into early next week, with 5 to 10 inches of rain is expected for Puerto Rico with locally higher amounts up to 16 inches across southern and eastern sections, and up to 6 inches across the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Sustained winds of 45-60 mph with hurricane-force wind gusts up to 85 mph are possible.

For accurate and updated information regarding Tropical Storm Fiona, go to the Government of the Virgin Islands Joint Information Center at vi.gov/jic/.

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