

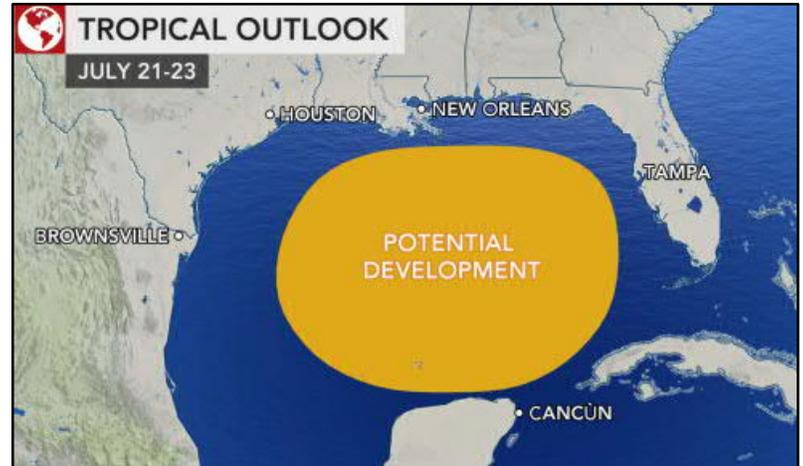
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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

July 17, 2020

## Tracking the Tropics

- In the Gulf of Mexico, the leftover part of an old complex of thunderstorms was moving westward just offshore of the western Louisiana and southeastern Texas coast on Friday morning.
- "Proximity to the coast and the disturbance's very weak state will probably not allow enough time for development before pushing onshore in Texas Friday night or Saturday," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Rob Miller said.
- While this area of showers and thunderstorms is not forecast to develop into a tropical depression or tropical storm, there is expected to be an increase in the coverage of showers and thunderstorms over the Gulf of Mexico next week.
- However, there will still be obstacles to overcome for potential tropical development.
- "Factors for slow development are an increase in moisture over the Gulf and the warm water next week," Miller said.
- "But wind shear may be too strong to allow a tropical system to develop and catch on," Miller continued.
- The Gulf of Mexico is not a common breeding ground for tropical systems in the middle of July.
- "Only four tropical systems have developed during the stretch from July 11 to 20 in the Gulf of Mexico over the last 170 years," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Mike Doll said.
- The next tropical storm that forms in the Atlantic will take the name Gonzalo.



## COVID-19 Update

- For the first time, the numbers of coronavirus cases reported in the United States passed 77,000, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.
- There were 77,255 new cases reported Thursday, topping the previous high of 67,791 two days ago.
- A risk dashboard from health experts at Harvard University now lists 11 states at the highest risk level from coronavirus, nearly double the number less than a week ago.
- Those states, in order of most cases per 100,000 people, are: Florida, Arizona, Louisiana, South Carolina, Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Nevada, Tennessee, Mississippi and Idaho.
- Masks are now mandatory in more than half of U.S. states.
- The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 nationwide continues to surge, with more than 3.55 million as of Thursday evening, per data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

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## WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

| Disaster Number and State | Disaster Type            | Number of Counties Declared | Days Since Launch | Registration Deadline |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 4473 PR                   | Earthquake               | 33 Municipalities           | 176               | 7/2/2020              |
| 4547 MI                   | Severe Storms & Flooding | 5 Counties                  | 6                 | 9/8/2020              |

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