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3:35 AM UPDATE: Flash Flood Warning extended for Kaua'i; Severe Thunderstorm Watch in effect

The National Weather Service has extended the Flash Flood Warning for Kaua'i through 6:45 a.m., due to heavy rains over the island. The warning may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop.

A Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is imminent or occurring in streams, roads and low-lying areas. Do not cross fast-flowing or rising water in your vehicle or on foot.

Ponding, low visibility and other hazardous driving conditions are expected. If you must drive, please do so with extreme caution.

Additionally, the National Weather Service has issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch for Kaua'i. The watch may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop.

A Severe Thunderstorm Watch means conditions are favorable for Severe Thunderstorm in and close to the watch area. This includes the city of Līhu'e.

Severe Thunderstorms have the potential to produce gusts that may reach over 58 miles per hour, destructive hail the size of quarters or larger, and can occasionally produce tornadoes.

Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge remains closed until further notice due to elevated river levels.

A public shelter is in place at Hanalei Elementary School.

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.



For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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