

## **Urgent – Weather Message**

### **High Wind Advisory**

Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services

4:30 pm Sunday 30 June 2024

**...High wind advisory goes into effect tonight for Antigua, Barbuda, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis...**

**Locations to be affected:** Especially exposed coastal waters and elevated and open terrains, on the windward side of the islands.

**Timing:** Midnight until Monday afternoon.

**Synopsis:** Strong gusty winds, due to the tightening pressure gradient caused by the passage of Major Hurricane Beryl, are forecast. The direct wind threat level is generally minimal to life, livelihood, property and infrastructure; notwithstanding, these winds could make some outdoor activities uncomfortable, if not outright dangerous. Gale-force wind gusts are expected that can affect your balance; it's advisable to avoid exposed elevated areas or getting too close to precarious positions like cliff edges, given the forecast conditions. High winds could create dangerous falling or blowing objects. A high wind advisory means strong sustained winds in the range of 40 to 48 km/h (25 to 31 mph, 22 to 27 knots) with higher gusts imminent or occurring.

**Wind:** East at 28 to 44 km/h (15 to 24 knots; 17 to 28 mph) or near gale at times, with strong gale-force gusts to 68 km/h (37 knots; 43 mph).

**Potential impacts:** Includes injuries; very hazardous seas; soil erosion; localized disruptions of some businesses; disruptions to outdoor and sporting activities; disruptions of transportation (air and especially sea); vehicular accidents and financial losses.

**Caution:** Residents should secure loose, light outdoor items, which can be blown away, and caution should be taken when driving. Further, avoid exposed elevated places.

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