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Workers at the Emergency Operation Centre in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, monitored Hurricane Matthew Monday.

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No need to hunker down just yet — Hurricane Matthew won't reach New England's doorstep for a

while, and it's unclear what impact it might have.

The powerful, dangerous [Category 4 storm](#) is moving along at a leisurely pace as it moves over the Caribbean, where it is expected to deliver life-threatening rain, wind, and storm surge.

Forecasters expect it won't even climb up to the North Carolina area until Saturday morning.

By that point, local forecasters expect they will have a much clearer picture of how close Matthew might get to our area.



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“It’s too early to tell right now,” said Lenore Correia, meteorologist at the National Weather Service bureau in Taunton. “We’ll probably have a better idea this weekend.”



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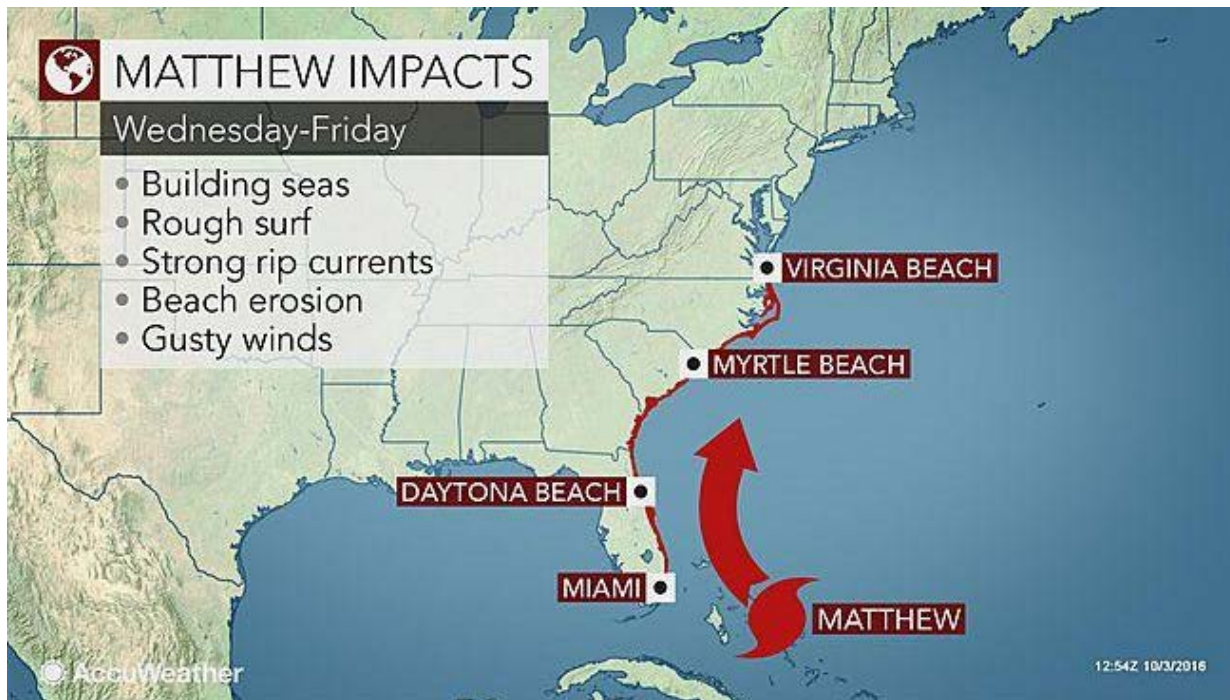
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For now, forecasters are at least expecting a high risk of rip currents and potential issues along southern coastal areas of New England due to waves and swells created by the storm.

But the track, intensity, and timing of any other impacts on our region are expected to remain murky at best for at least several more days.

“While a close approach to southern New England is a possibility, it is by no means a certainty,” forecasters [wrote](#) in an update Monday morning.





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A look at where forecasters at AccuWeather.com expect Hurricane Matthew will head next.

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