

University of Technology, Jamaica
Bulletin # 2
Hurricane Watch Now in Effect for Jamaica
October 23, 2025

SUBJECT:

The Meteorological Service of Jamaica has upgraded the Tropical Storm Watch for Jamaica to a Tropical Storm Warning, and a Hurricane Watch which are now in effect as Tropical Storm Melissa moves slowly across the Caribbean Sea.

This means tropical storm conditions are expected within 36 hours, and hurricane conditions are possible within 48 hours.

At 4:00 a.m., the center of Tropical Storm Melissa was located approximately 353 km south-southeast of Morant Point, moving slowly westward. The system is forecast to strengthen and could become a hurricane within the next two days.

Expected Impacts

- Heavy rainfall and possible flooding, beginning late Thursday and continuing through the weekend.
- Strong, gusty winds developing late Thursday into Friday, increasing across the island.
- Hurricane-force winds are possible in eastern parishes by Saturday.

University Operations

- Classes will continue online through Friday, October 24, 2025.
- Non-academic staff are to work remotely.
- Students in halls may remain on campus or return home as conditions allow.

Reminders

All members of the university community are reminded to:

- Secure important documents and equipment.
- Stay indoors and avoid unnecessary travel during adverse weather.
- Monitor official updates from the Meteorological Service of Jamaica, ODPEM, and the University's communication channels.

Please remain alert and take all necessary precautions to ensure your safety.

For urgent concerns, please contact the Safety & Security Department at 876-970-5170.