

Jamaica to expect showers, thunderstorm up to Tuesday

A trough across the central and western Caribbean is expected to trigger outbreaks of showers and thunderstorms across most parishes on the island up to Tuesday.

The Met Service says the weather system is expected to "maintain unstable conditions across Jamaica until mid-week".

According to the Met Service, "the forecast is for outbreaks of showers and scattered thunderstorms to affect sections of most parishes primarily during the afternoons until late Tuesday evening".

In the meantime, a new tropical depression has formed. However, the Met Service says it is not a threat to Jamaica. At 4:00 p.m. the centre of Tropical Depression Nine formed over the far eastern Atlantic. The centre of the depression was located near Latitude 13.1 degrees north and Longitude 20.7 degrees west or about 440 kilometres east southeast of the southernmost Cape Verde Islands

The depression is moving towards the west near 17 km/h and this general motion is expected to continue through late Monday. A turn toward the west northwest with a decrease in forward speed is forecast by Tuesday. On the forecast track, the centre of the depression should remain south of the Cape Verde Islands.

Maximum sustained winds are near 45 km/h, with higher gusts. Strengthening is forecast and the Depression could become a Tropical Storm on Monday.