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Yellow warning (L2) for rain leading to localized flooding to the end of the school holiday

This weekend, scattered to widespread showers and thundershowers are expected over the central interior of the country as well as over the eastern parts of the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Highveld of Mpumalanga, and Gauteng as we are nearing the end of the first school holiday.

A yellow warning (L2) for heavy rain, leading to localized flooding of susceptible formal/informal settlements or roads, low-lying areas and bridges, difficult driving conditions on dirt roads and minor motor vehicle accidents due to slippery roads and/reduced visibility, has been issued for the Free State, southern parts of the North-West, extreme eastern parts of the Northern Cape, extreme eastern parts of the Eastern Cape as well as southern and south-western parts of KwaZulu-Natal on Saturday. The conditions are expected to gradually clear from the western parts of the country by Sunday. However, heavier rainfall can be expected along the KwaZulu-Natal coast.

Above average traffic is expected over the weekend, with the peak occurring on Sunday, especially over the N3 Toll Concession as the public will be traveling back home from their sea holidays. The 24-hour accumulated precipitation output from the Unified Model for Saturday and Sunday is indicating above 50 mm of rainfall over the weekend over the central parts, with places expected to receive more than 80 mm as seen in figure 1. While these weather conditions will be welcomed by the agricultural sector, it could lead to difficult driving conditions, reduced visibility, pooling on the roads and slippery roads, which can contribute to an increased travel time. The South African Weather Service urges the public to be patient when driving through rainy weather on the N3, N1 and N12, and to not over-take other cars when the visibility is significantly reduced.

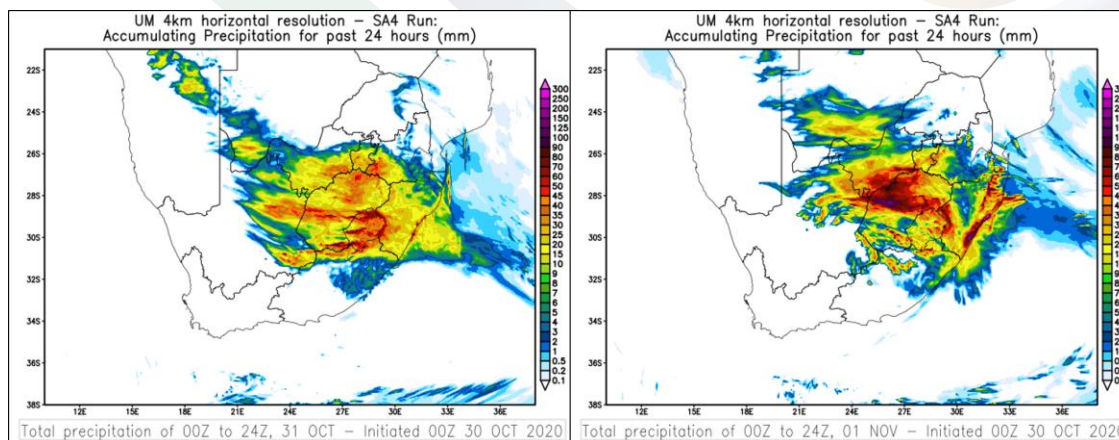


Figure 1: 24 hour accumulated precipitation for Saturday, 31 October 2020 (left) and for Sunday, 1 November 2020 (right).

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According to the N3 Toll Concession, lane closures and slow traffic can be expected at the following construction sites:

- Mooi River to Howick
- Van Reenen's Pass
- Frere (R74) to Midway
- Villiers to Warden

For more details regarding the expected peak traffic periods and to get up-to-date traffic information over the N3 Toll Concession please follow them on Twitter **@N3Route**.

The South African Weather Service will continue to monitor any further developments relating to this weather system and will issue subsequent updates as required. Furthermore, the public is urged to regularly follow weather forecasts on television and radio.

Updated information in this regard will regularly be available at www.weathersa.co.za as well as via the SA Weather Service Twitter account **@SAWeatherServic** and Facebook page **@WeatherServic**

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