

More rain expected as learners' head back to school post long weekend.

With school learners resuming the second term after the Easter weekend, more heavy rains are expected to persist over the Central Karoo and south coast (Eden District) in the Western Cape, the Eastern Cape, southern KwaZulu-Natal as well as the western parts of the North-West and the Free State on Tuesday and Wednesday (23rd and 24th April 2019). These rains could lead to flooding and pose a threat to low lying bridges and roads. Temperatures are also expected to be cool to cold.

These conditions, continuing since the Easter weekend, are due to the cut-off low pressure system which is moving slowly eastwards. However, clearance is anticipated over the Central Karoo and south coast (Eden District) in the Western Cape on Wednesday, 24 April 2019.

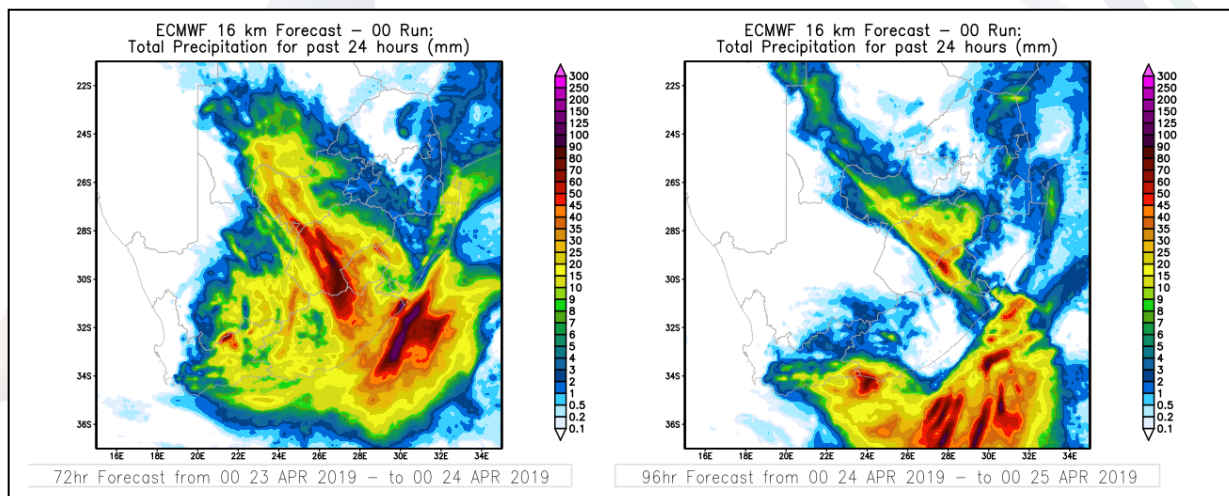


Figure 1: Heavier rains (40mm and above ~ reddish colours) through central and south-eastern provinces expected on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 April 2019.

This weather system is expected to exit the country from the east coast of the Eastern Cape on Thursday, 25 April 2019, with remnant showers over the eastern provinces.

The South African Weather Service warns the public and especially learners to take the necessary precautions and avoid the crossing of rivers and swollen streams where water is above ankles and move to higher ground when flooding is possible.

The South African Weather Service will continue to monitor any further developments. The public are urged to follow regular updates on television, radio and newspapers.

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

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