



The Briefing— Monday – May 30 - 2022

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The Quick

Qualifying for State and Local begins

- **State Races** - The qualifying period for U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Governor, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of Agriculture, State Senator, State Representative and Multi-County Special Districts runs from noon on June 13 to noon on June 17. Candidates for State Offices may submit qualifying papers 14 days before the beginning of the qualifying period, the Department of State's Division of Elections will start accepting documents on Monday, Memorial Day.
- **Local Races** - The qualifying period and pre-qualifying submission period above also applies to County and District offices. Qualifying paperwork for local races must be submitted to the county Supervisor of Elections' office as the qualifying officer. Candidates can contact their county Supervisor of Elections for more information.

Hurricane Season Starts Tomorrow But the first Named Storm Showed up Early

[AccuWeather](#) meteorologists continue to outlook the chance for the [East Pacific's first named storm of the year, Agatha](#), to redevelop over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico during the opening days of the Atlantic hurricane season. Forecasters expect Hurricane Agatha to move inland over Mexico with flooding rain and damaging winds Monday evening. Around June 1, the beginning of the Atlantic season, it could emerge over the Gulf of Mexico or the Caribbean Sea where further development will be possible. "There is a low risk of tropical development from the southwestern Gulf of Mexico to the northwestern Caribbean somewhere in the neighborhood of June 2 to 5," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Dan Pydynowski said.

Emergency Preparedness Tax Holiday Started Saturday

A full list of eligible tax-free items is [available here](#).

Hurricane Season 2022 begins on June 1st and runs through November 30th. This year's Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday runs for 10 days to 14 days. Qualifying disaster preparedness supplies include pet leashes, collars, muzzles and pads costing \$20 or less; flashlights, lanterns and pet beds costing \$40 or less; batteries and weather radios costing \$50 or less; smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers costing \$70 or less; tarps and portable pet kennels costing \$100 or less; and generators costing \$1,000 or less.

SchoolSafety.gov includes resources for districts and schools safety and security.

<https://www.schoolsafety.gov/>

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Department of Education (ED), U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) created SchoolSafety.gov to share actionable recommendations to keep school communities safe. SchoolSafety.gov aims to help schools prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a range of school safety threats, hazards, and emergency situations.

Sen. Manny Diaz Jr. takes over as Florida's Commissioner of Education Wednesday

Diaz, who was named to the post in April, has spent years in the Legislature playing a leading role on issues such as expanding school choice through vouchers and charter schools. Those are issues that previous Commissioner Richard Corcoran and Gov. Ron DeSantis have championed. Elected to the Senate in 2018 after serving in the House for six years, Diaz is a former classroom teacher who has worked as an administrator for Doral College, which is part of Miami-based charter school company Academica. Challenges Ahead - Diaz will face an ongoing teacher shortage in the state and the task of implementing the new testing system to replace the current Florida Standards Assessments.

DACS Announces New Initiative focusing on Mental Health in the AG Industry

Agriculture Commissioner **Nikki** Fried has announced an initiative aimed at increasing awareness of the stress farmers face and ways they can get help. The department received a \$500,000 grant from the federal government to support the program. Called the Farm Stress Awareness and Reduction Initiative is partnering with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences to provide the following:

- Training for public school agriculture teachers, 2-1-1, 4-H and Future Farmers of America members, and others to recognize the signs of farm stress in their communities and families.
- A four-month digital campaign in markets across the state and online meant to raise awareness of mental health challenges and resources for farmers and rural community members.
- The department also will be promoting [telehealth sites in rural counties](#). The campaign will include radio advertisements on AgNet radio and print ads in industry publications.

Upcoming Meetings

June 8-10 -	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference – Tampa
June 9 -	Small District Breakfast – Annual Joint Business Meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the SSDCC
June 28 - July 1 –	FAC Annual Conference - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting - Orlando
June 29 -	The Small County Coalition will meet for breakfast on Wed.

Headlines from around the State from the Weekend

WaPo: Florida Republicans beat the gun lobby. Congress hasn't followed.

Herald: After Parkland, Florida used social-emotional learning to help students. That's over

FlaPol: Ashley Moody sides with Gov. DeSantis in redistricting case

Times: 17 hopefuls vie for Florida Supreme Court opening

Times: Florida Supreme Court tosses Duke Energy solar case back to regulators

Herald: Just more than half of Miami-Dade, Broward third-graders at reading level, tests show

Sentinel: Property insurance crisis: as state tries fixes, these are the real stories behind an industry on the brink

Times: All Childrens Hospital is always preparing for the unthinkable

Herald Tribune: Judge rules against Manatee County developer Carlos Beruff on financial disclosures

CBS Miami: Miami ex-Proud Boys leader Henry 'Enrique' Tarrío to stay jailed until Capitol riot trial

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Shumaker Advisors Florida tops \$600K in Q1

Herald: Crist, Fried, Taddeo trade jabs but hit 'autocrat' DeSantis harder during public forum

Sun-Sentinel: 'Frustrated, angry and heartbroken': Shevrin Jones, Charlie Crist, Parkland family members among attendees at Sunrise gun-control rally

FlaPol: Charlie Crist to rally with Moms Demand Action in Sunrise

FlaPol: Ruth's List Florida rolls out Hillsborough County endorsements

WLRN: Disastrous Cuban sugar harvest could mean an even larger Cuban migrant exodus

Sentinel: Chair's arrest in ghost candidate probe shines harsh spotlight on Seminole GOP

Sentinel: Orlando theme parks are short-staffed. What does that mean for summer season?

Times: Pandemic has lingering toll on smaller National Spelling Bee

Sentinel: Tropical Storm Agatha, located in the eastern Pacific, could head toward South Florida next week

FlaPol: Memorial Day Weekend is brought to you by these lobbyists and political associations

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints former Education Commish Richard Corcoran to the Board of Governors

Herald: Will Legislature's actions fix property insurance? There are a lot of doubts

FlaPol: Report: Fired DOH employee's COVID-19 allegations against Gov. DeSantis' administration 'unsubstantiated'

AP: Investigation: No retaliation against COVID-19 whistleblower

WUSF: How Florida lawmakers responded to a tragic school shooting four years ago, and the impact today

Times: Thousands in Florida have had guns seized through risk protection orders since 2018

Times: Marco Rubio slams Miami Heat's demand for gun reform after Texas school shooting

Sun-Sentinel: 'Please send the police now': Urgent pleas don't always mean the cops rush in. Just look at Parkland and Uvalde.

Herald Tribune: Sheriff: Sarasota would handle shooter differently than Uvalde police

WUSF: Attorneys general in 17 states back Florida in its fight against sanctuary cities

Herald: Florida Supreme Court tells Public Service Commission it erred on solar energy ruling

Herald: Haiti's instability should be high on Summit of the Americas agenda, Rubio urges

Sentinel: 'God's gift to lawyers.' DeSantis' culture war laws get him sued a lot

Sentinel: DeSantis approves \$3.5M for boy who suffered brain injury in Osceola school wrestling match

TCPalm: Gov. DeSantis signs bill that allows harsher penalties for out-of-county criminals

Capitolist: Hurricane loss mitigation program extension signed into law

AP: Florida condo collapse settlement reached, tops \$1 billion

Herald: Defendants' payments detailed as lawyers submit \$1B Surfside settlement to judge

WUSF: Health officials urge caution and mask-wearing as Florida coronavirus cases climb

WUSF: Tax holiday for hurricane preparation supplies begins Saturday

Capitolist: ACLU points to Ted Cruz argument in lawsuit against Florida political contribution restriction

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Mid-major firms fared well during first quarter

FlaPol: Appellate court strikes down decision to replace Gov. DeSantis congressional map

FlaPol: Charlie Crist backs 23 candidates in first round of Democratic Primary endorsements

Sentinel: Crist says he'll only debate Democratic primary rivals once

Herald: 'Do not vote for the worst Mom ever.' Does a Florida candidate have a daughter problem?

FlaPol: 'A champion for hospitality workers': Major South Florida union backs Ken Russell for Congress

FlaPol: 'Free state of Florida' cracks down on pop-up parties

Times: Baby formula shortage highlights racial disparities

Times: In Hillsborough schools and beyond, a teen activist fights period poverty

WUSF: USF students prepare to become teachers despite political controversy and constant discouragement

WLRN: Florida Department of Education investigates who bought "Gender Queer" for Orange County Schools

Times: Tampa Bay's new top federal prosecutor aims for bigger cases

Herald: Several from South Florida are on newly released Southern Baptist sex offender list

Sentinel: Former Central Florida church leaders appear on list of Southern Baptist sex abusers

News 4 Jax: 15 Northeast Florida church officials on Southern Baptist list of accused sexual abusers

News 4 Jax: Sheriff Williams confirms he's moved out of Duval, says he's still within law

TCPalm: 'End-of-the-year joke' not funny at all, Martin Sheriff's Office said

Ledger: Records reveal \$100,000 in charges as scrutiny of Haines City continues

My News 13: Residents start to pick up the pieces after Brevard County brush fire damages, destroys homes

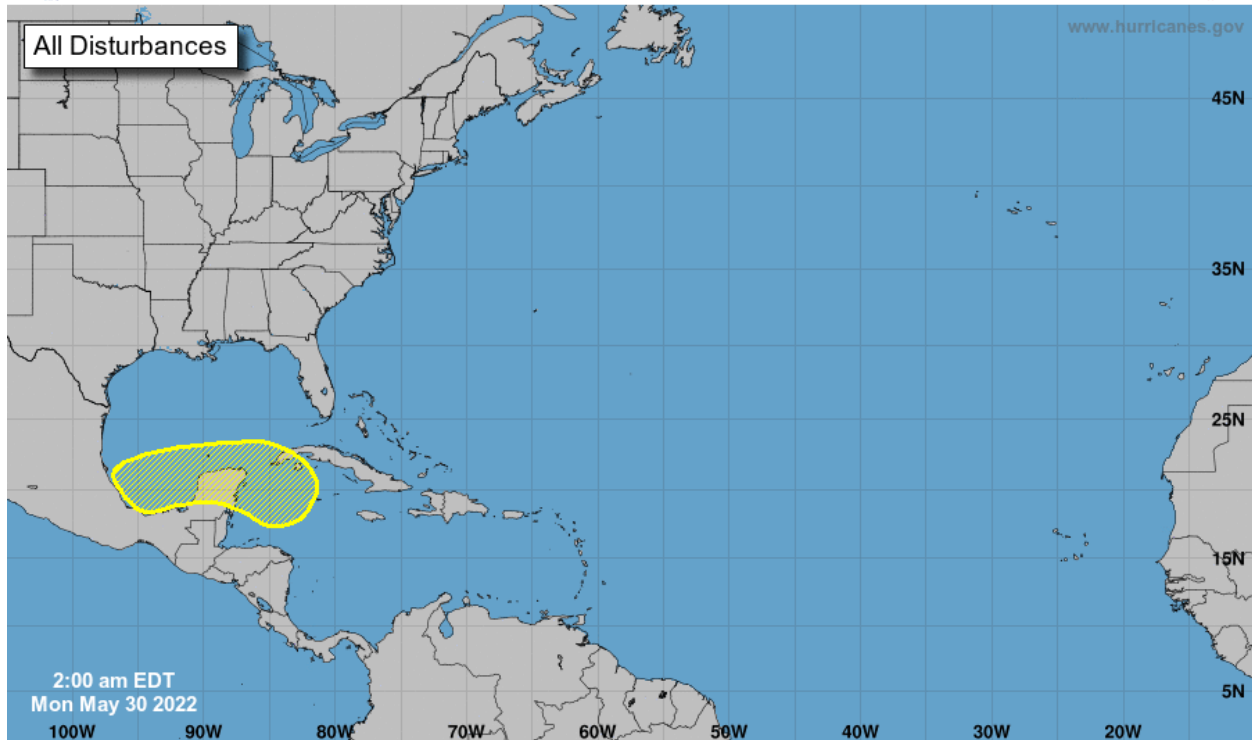
Five Day Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

On the Docket

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022

STATE OFFICES CLOSED: State offices will be closed because of Memorial Day.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022

- **MEDICAID ISSUES:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will discuss county contributions to the Medicaid program and what is known as the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, or FMAP, which helps determine how much federal money goes into Florida's Medicaid program. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **DIAMONDBACK TERRAPINS:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will hold a workshop on issues related to captive breeding of diamondback terrapins. (Tuesday, 1 p.m. <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/freshwater-turtles/dbt-rules>)
- **'IMPACT CONFERENCE':** The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **CHAMBLISS HOLDS TOWN HALL:** Rep. Kevin Chambliss, D-Homestead, will hold a town-hall meeting. (Tuesday, 6 p.m., Naranja Park, 14150 S.W. 264th St., Naranja.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022

- **HURRICANE SEASON STARTS:** Wednesday is the first day of the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season, which will end Nov. 30.

- **DIAZ TAKES HELM AT EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:** Sen. Manny Diaz Jr., R-Hialeah, will become the state’s education commissioner effective Wednesday. Diaz will replace former Commissioner Richard Corcoran, who resigned this spring.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** The Florida Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 38535195)
- **‘CATASTROPHE’ PLAN:** The Consumer Services Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will discuss issues such as a 2022 “catastrophe” plan. The meeting comes on the first day of hurricane season. (Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wSEDciZnSvGkibno-KGiUQ. Call-in number: 1- 786-635-1003. Code: 97781432199)
- **REGULATORS EYE UTILITY PLANS:** The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a workshop to review 10-year site plans for electric utilities. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD:** The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Wednesday, 2 p.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89681754265?pwd=ZUH6UTVEU2QrdjJIUFk5QINMbEtnDz09>. Meeting ID: 89681754265. Code: 486400. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656)
- **REDFISH ISSUES:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will begin a series of workshops about proposed management rules for redfish. (Wednesday, 6 p.m. Crystal River City Hall, 123 N.W. U.S. 19, Crystal River.)

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022

- **FAMU TRUSTEES:** The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Florida A&M University, Band Rehearsal Hall, Tallahassee. <https://famu.zoom.us/j/91216824255?pwd=azJzRGVtRTdTbG02VzEvc1FXczk4dz09#success>. Webinar ID: 91216824255. Code: 077594. Call-in number: 1-301-715-8592)
- **LAKE OKEECHOBEE:** The Department of Environmental Protection will hold a webinar on what is known as the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan. (Thursday, 10 a.m. register.gotowebinar.com/register/4242597979246448395)
- **NORTHEAST PLANNING COUNCIL:** The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrfc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491#success>, Meeting ID: 87499770491)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- **FIRST LADY SPEAKS IN JACKSON COUNTY:** Florida First Lady Casey DeSantis is expected to speak during the Jackson County Republican Party’s Reagan Day Dinner. (Thursday, 6 p.m. Central time, Jackson County Agriculture Complex, 2741 Penn Ave., Marianna.)
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- **REDFISH ISSUES:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a series of workshops about proposed management rules for redfish. (Thursday, 6 p.m. Steinhatchee Community Center, 1013 Riverside Dr., Steinhatchee.)

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022

- ETHICS PANEL: The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)
- ‘IMPACT CONFERENCE’: The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com