



## ***The Briefing –Friday – September 16 –2022***

***The last Briefing was Wednesday – September 14- 2022***

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### ***Week 3 - College Football Schedule***

Friday Night

Florida State at Louisville | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN

Saturday -

South Florida at No. 18 Florida | 7:30 p.m. | SEC Network

UCF at Florida Atlantic | 7:30 p.m. | CBSSN

No. 13 Miami (Fla.) at No. 24 Texas A&M | 9 p.m. | ESPN

### ***The Quick***

#### ***ACHA to administer Minimum Wage Requirement for Direct Care Medicaid Employees***

After weeks of discussion regarding the Legislative mandate requiring county Medicaid providers to pay a \$15 minimum wage to direct care employees, AHCA administrators have announced that the agency will administer the proviso language as written and the funding will be distributed base on a Medicaid reimbursement program. Major concerns have been expressed that providers were not adequately informed and have concerns about whether funding is sufficient to implement the mandate. Medicaid providers will be required to implement the \$15 minimum per hour for all direct care service employees where reimbursement is requested. This action leaves providers struggling to accommodate the mandate without really know how much \$\$ they will receive. In additional providers have to sign contractual assurance form indicating compliance and effect Jan. 1 – employees that are not receiving the minimum wage will have a cause of action against the Medicaid provider.

#### ***Comments on Broadband Grant Rules Identify key Issues***

DEO's Office of Broadband received comments from over 150 community members and local government representatives to internet service providers and other community stakeholders that attended the rulemaking workshops held regarding the implementation of the Broadband Opportunity Program. The program will provide \$400 million in funding for eligible entities to install or deploy broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved Florida communities. The topics raised provided insight into changes needed to the proposed program –

- Use of multiple broadband Internet technologies for the scalability and longevity of those technologies.

- Need to focus funding availability for Florida's rural communities.
  - Need to clarify match provisions and the award cap.
  - Alignment of applications for the Broadband Opportunity Program with the Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband.
  - Sustainability of the projects and their infrastructure.
  - Guidance on project areas.
  - Recommended changes to the application scoring criteria.
  - Involvement of the Local Technology Planning Teams and private partners for the Broadband Opportunity Program.
- DEO is reviewing the feedback. Information and resources regarding the Broadband Opportunity Program are available at - [www.FloridaJobs.org/Broadband](http://www.FloridaJobs.org/Broadband).

### ***Calhoun County Planner | Calhoun County, Florida***

Calhoun County established a new planner position and requested that we share information to our mailing list. You can access the Job description and application for Calhoun county planner position at:

<https://calhouncountygov.com/calhoun-county-planner/>

### ***Air and Water Quality***

The following information is provided for something to think about.

***Reducing Air and Surface pathogens -*** Continuous Air and Surface Pathogen Reduction (CASPR) is an organic healthcare grade disinfection technology used in facilities and bus transit. CASPR (Continuous Air and Surface Pathogen Reduction) is proven to kill pathogens by up to 99.96%, produces NO ozone, runs continuously 24/7, and replaces harsh chemicals, and fogging. CASPR is a “no-touch” disinfection technology that creates Hydrogen Peroxide out of your ambient air and disinfects all air and surfaces. Tested in **Shreveport, LA school High Pathogen Study** - CFU counts were reduced by 98.7% on surfaces and by 96.2% in air. In the **Dekalb County Schools Bus Study**- there was a **94.7% CFU reduction** in the bus environment. **For more information on CASPR** contact Laurie Maughon at [LMaughon@BioShark.com](mailto:LMaughon@BioShark.com) or visit - [www.bioshark.com](http://www.bioshark.com).

***Ensuring Quality Water*** - Florida licensed childcare facilities, public, and charter schools are eligible to receive free lead testing of faucets used primarily for drinking and cooking. The program administered through the Florida Rural Water Association allows entities to participate at no cost. All participating facilities will receive:

- On-site drinking water sample collection and analysis.
- Educational materials on the health effects of lead in drinking water, methods to reduce lead exposure, and responding to elevated results per EPA’s 3Ts guidelines. [EPA’s “3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities](#)
- Messages for effectively communicating with parents and the community.

All testing results is posted on DEP’s [Voluntary Lead Testing Program for Schools and Childcare Facilities](#) webpage. As a participant, EPA requires that schools make available lead sampling and results with families and staff. 98% of the current sampling results are low levels that makes very positive publicity related to this program very reassuring and good news messaging by schools and childcares.

If you would like to participate in this voluntary and cost-free program, please contact - Erica Manz – Program Coordinator - Florida Rural Water Association Phone: 850-668-2746 or [erica@frwa.net](mailto:erica@frwa.net)

### ***Headlines from around the State***

*Herald: DeSantis defends sending migrants to Martha's Vineyard. Critics blast 'inhumane' stunt*

*The Hill: DeSantis migrant flights underscore his national ambitions*

*FlaPol: GOP governors put focus on migrants with Martha's Vineyard transport*

*Herald: 'A new low': What some Miami Venezuelans think of migrants taken to Martha's Vineyard*

*Sun-Sentinel: 'It was all a political stunt': South Florida Hispanics fume over Martha's Vineyard controversy*

*Herald: In Miami, county mayor to DeSantis: Don't use Venezuelans to 'score political points'*

*Herald: Florida once sheltered refugee kids. Today homes that don't shun them can lose their license*

*Capitolist: Ashley Moody leads bipartisan Attorneys General coalition to call for fentanyl weapon of mass destruction declaration*

*Herald: DeSantis-appointed board chair asks if state can suspend Broward Schools superintendent*

*WLRN: Chair of state board of education suggests Broward superintendent should be suspended*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis puts \$20M to train truckers and set up apprenticeship programs for trade jobs*

*Capitolist: DeSantis commits \$8.2 million to expand Commercial Driving pipeline at 5 Florida colleges*

*FlaPol: John Rutherford, NE Florida anglers implore Council to open South Atlantic red snapper fishery*

*FlaPol: Judge appoints special master, rejects DOJ bid to delay Mar-a-Lago ruling*

*AP: Veteran NY judge named as arbiter in Trump Mar-a-Lago probe*

*Herald: Milestone for Miami: First Haitian-American nominee for U.S. attorney named by Biden*

*Times: Florida Department of Transportation secures \$15 million in federal funds for I-4 improvements*

*The Hill: Famous Latina mothers team up for climate voter mobilization*

*FlaPol: Scotty Moore files complaint alleging NBC affiliate violated vaccine passport ban*

*FlaPol: Lee Co. GOP demands Special Session to bar FBI and IRS, brands WHO as security threat*

*My News 13: Judge refuses to block Orange rent control measure from November ballot*

*FlaPol: School safety grand jury fallout continues with administrators' exit, alternative discipline centers' suspension*

*Sun-Sentinel: Broward School Board accepts \$21.6 million settlement over partial roof collapse*

*Sun-Sentinel: Make sure our kids are safe: How Broward schools are using metal-detector wands*

*Sun-Sentinel: State board member: Broward superintendent should be removed over grand jury and masks*

*Democrat: DeSantis likely to pass on appointment as District 2 Leon County Commission race heats up*

*Times-Union: Jury vindicates ex-Sheriff Daniels with not-guilty verdict*

*DBNJ: Volusia County Schools gets creative to address teacher shortages*

*Bradenton Herald: Why Manatee County schools just raised the pay for teachers and teacher aids*

*Today: Brevard County increasing pay for some firefighters because of state mandate*

*Capitolist: AM Best: Reinsurer losses related to Florida specialists continue to climb despite no significant storms*

*My News 13: 5 years later, Maria survivors still struggle in Central Florida*

*NBC 6: 12-Year-Old Says He's Lucky to Be Alive' After Being Shot While Waiting For School Bus*

*FlaPol: Medicaid \$15 minimum wage takes effect Oct. 1, but providers say they won't have the money*

*WUSF: OTC hearing aids could be a first step toward better hearing for many Florida seniors*

*Sentinel: Monkeypox vaccine are more widely available in Central Florida but will it make a difference?*

*WUSF: A monkeypox case has been reported at an Orange County elementary school*

*Capitolist: Florida gets federal boost for more electric vehicle charging stations*

*NWF Daily News: Fort Walton Beach adds 'more teeth' to ordinances on panhandling, more*

## **On the Docket**

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**

- **UF TRUSTEES:** The University of Florida Board of Trustees will continue a two-day retreat in St. Johns County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)
- **HOUSING ISSUES:** The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.)
- **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=456352981&sessionTrackingId=clsJoin-c3bfecf1-f862-4ff1-8437-50845e1655ac>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 456352981)
- **TREASURE COAST PLANNING COUNCIL:** The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.)
- **AUGUST JOBS REPORT RELEASES:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an August unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **HUNGER ISSUES:** Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried is slated to take part in a “statewide hunger call” to address efforts aimed at ending hunger. (Friday, 11 a.m. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9218963420516234252>)
- **MAYORAL CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY:** Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey and his challenger in the November election, Leon County Commissioner Kristin Dozier, will appear at the Capital Tiger Bay Club. (Friday, noon, Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- **BUILDING COMMISSION:** The Florida Building Commission will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/533378925>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 533378925)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 9.

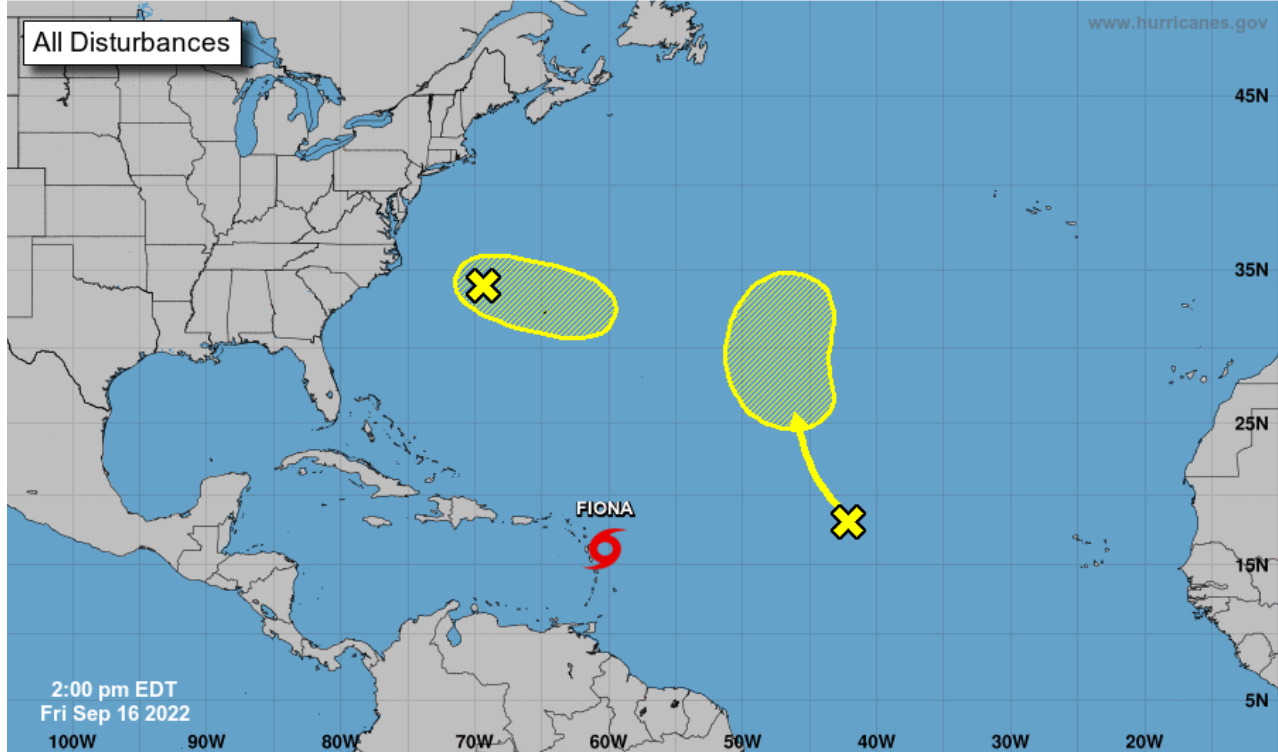
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<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



**Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



2:00 pm EDT  
Fri Sep 16 2022

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

***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](mailto:Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

**Website Links**

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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