

*All Eyes On Ian!*

## *The Briefing – Monday - September 25 –2022*

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### *Update on Ian*

**5:00am Briefing from the NHC - Key Messages:**



#### **Key Messages for Hurricane Ian**

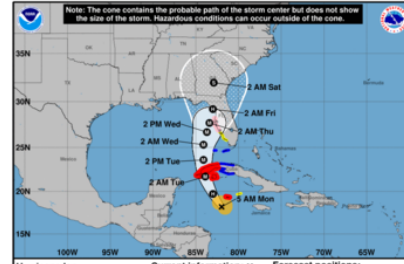
**Advisory 13: 5:00 AM EDT Mon Sep 26, 2022**



1. Ian is expected to produce heavy rainfall and instances of flash flooding and possible mudslides in areas of higher terrain, particularly over Jamaica and Cuba. Considerable flooding impacts are possible later this week in west central Florida. Additional flash and urban flooding, and flooding on rivers across the Florida Peninsula and parts of the Southeast cannot be ruled out for later this week.

2. Life-threatening storm surge and hurricane-force winds are expected in portions of western Cuba beginning late today, and Ian is forecast to be at major hurricane strength when it is near western Cuba. Efforts to protect life and property should be rushed to completion.

3. Ian is expected to be a major hurricane in the eastern Gulf of Mexico during the middle of this week. Regardless of Ian's exact track and intensity, there is a risk of a life-threatening storm surge, hurricane-force winds, and heavy rainfall along the west coast of Florida and the Florida Panhandle by the middle of this week. Tropical Storm and Hurricane Watches have been issued for a portion of the west coast of Florida and additional watches may be required later today.



**For more information go to [hurricanes.gov](https://hurricanes.gov)**

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

**<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>**

## ***Headlines from Around the State***

*Wash. Post: Trump and DeSantis: Once allies, now in simmering rivalry with 2024 nearing*

*NYTimes: The Megastate G.O.P. Rivalry Between Abbott and DeSantis*

*Politico: Biden's watchdog in the skies can't ground Air DeSantis*

*Sentinel: President Biden's trip to Orlando area postponed due to Tropical Storm Ian*

*CBS News: Hurricane Ian churns toward Florida, with "rapid strengthening" expected in coming days*

*City & State FL: Biden administration cuts off funding for child refugee program in South Florida*

*Post: Extremist groups see surge but are they finding traction in political landscape?*

*Democrat: U.S. Latinos economic power grows in Florida, nationally: report*

*WUSF: Floridians prepare, but don't panic, as Ian's storm track shifts*

*NBC Miami: Prosecutors to Begin Parkland School Shooter Trial Rebuttal This Week*

*Democrat: FSU awarded nearly \$5 million for HIV research project*

*Politico: DeSantis mobilizes national guard ahead of likely hurricane*

*News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis activates national guard, warns of storm surge, power outages, fuel disruptions as Ian approaches*

*Democrat: 'Make preparations now': DeSantis urges vigilance as Ian poised to strike as major hurricane*

*FlaPol: Karla Hernández suggests Charlie Crist's pro-choice position may have limits*

*FlaPol: Karla Hernández thinks 'more people should have paid attention' before voting for migrant relocation fund*

*FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis advises Floridians to prep for Tropical Storm Ian insurance claims*

*FlaPol: FPL dispatches teams to prepare for storm, encourages Floridians launch prep plans*

*News4Jax: Bethune-Cookman University mandates students evacuate campus ahead of Ian*

*Times-Union: Book Bans: List of books challenged in schools tracked by Florida Freedom to Read Project*

*FlaPol: Pride Center vandalized in Gainesville, Democrats blame GOP hateful rhetoric*

*Democrat: Tropical Storm Ian: Leon, Tallahassee open sandbag sites, monitor major hurricane threat*

*Sun: UF students say Kent Fuchs was welcoming president, express hopes for his successor*

*Axios: Tampa Bay schools are closing as Hurricane Ian tracks toward Florida*

*Politico: Florida emergency declared as Tropical Storm Ian strengthens*

*AP: Florida monitors a growing Tropical Storm Ian in Caribbean*

*Herald: Biden postpones South Florida trip, declares state of emergency due to Tropical Storm Ian*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott, Marco Rubio urge Joe Biden to approve federal declaration ahead of Tropical Storm Ian*

*Herald: Florida Keys leaders hold off on evacuation, shelter orders for now as they track Ian*  
*The Hill: Some Republicans feel uneasy about DeSantis migrant strategy*  
*Times: Will Gov. DeSantis get deposed and questioned on the witness stand?*  
*DBNJ: Crist running mate Karla Hernández-Mats wants accountability for charter schools*  
*FlaPol: NRA updates grades, endorsements for 2022; DeSantis, Patronis earn 'A+'*  
*The Hill: Career lawyers have recommended against charges for Gaetz: report*  
*Politico: Charges unlikely against Gaetz in federal sex-trafficking probe*  
*NYTimes: Tropical Storm Ian Forms, and Florida Prepares for Its Effects*  
*My News 13: DeSantis declares state of emergency for 24 counties as Tropical Depression 9 strengthens*  
*WLRN: 'Have a plan': Officials encourage preparation ahead of potential hurricane, as state of emergency is declared*  
*Herald: Tropical Storm Ian strengthens. Cuba in path, then a curve toward Florida*  
*FlaPol: Tropical Storm Ian grows, expected to impact Florida as major hurricane*  
*Herald: 'No cause for panic.' Miami-Dade mayor says get hurricane plans ready and monitor storm*  
*FlaPol: Val Demings leads congressional trip to oversee FEMA post-hurricane aid in Puerto Rico*  
*FlaPol: Rick Scott stands up for Ukrainian POWs*  
*FlaPol: Florida wildlife agency expected to shoot down commercialized turtle breeding proposal*  
*FlaPol: Fearing potential future increases, Florida's roofers ask for workers comp rate freeze*  
*FlaPol: Despite Randy Fine's objections, Space Coast Pride will go on*  
*NYTimes: How Paul LePage, Running to Lead Maine, Benefited From Florida Tax Breaks*  
*WLRN: FIU's interim president initially didn't want the top job. Now he's the only finalist*  
*FlaPol: Tongue in cheek, UF wrestles with mystery thefts of Top 5 banners on campus*  
*FlaPol: Pete Antonacci, top election cop and longtime GOP official, dies of heart attack*  
*Herald: Pete Antonacci, state elections security chief and former Broward elections head, dies*  
*AP: Longtime Florida official Peter Antonacci dies at 74*  
*FlaPol: 'Honor, courage, commitment': New Ron DeSantis ad spotlights Navy ties*  
*FlaPol: Marco Rubio 'Seasonal Thing' ad rips Val Demings' immigration position*  
*FlaPol: Gus Bilirakis endorses Laurel Lee in CD 15 contest*  
*FlaPol: St. Pete City Council could replace Lisa Wheeler-Bowman as soon as Oct. 6*  
*FlaPol: Demi Busatta Cabrera enjoys best round of fundraising by far this cycle for HD 114 defense*  
*FlaPol: Sara Baxter bets \$20K on her PBC Commission bid*  
*WLRN: Despite a no vote, controversial plan to build a warehouse on protected Miami-Dade wetlands remains in play*  
*Ledger: Here's the panel that will help decide Lakeland's next police chief*  
*Sun-Sentinel: After years of neglect, Broward school elevators now deemed safe*

*WaPo: Florida students study Tom Brady's controversial fitness program*

*Herald: FPL wants to pass tax savings to customers, but bills will still be higher next year*

### ***On the Docket***

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

- SUPREME COURT CLOSED: The Florida Supreme Court will be closed Monday for Rosh Hashanah.
- LABOR SECRETARY IN MIAMI: U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh is scheduled to make appearances in Miami-Dade County, with other participants expected to include U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. (Monday, noon, Blink Charging, 605 Lincoln Road, fifth floor, Miami Beach. Also, 2 p.m., Jessie Trice Community Health System, 5607 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami. Also, 4 p.m., Stephen P. Clark Government Center, 111 N.W. First St., Miami.)
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD : The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a meeting, followed by a hearing on a budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Monday, meeting at 3 p.m., hearing at 5:05 p.m., Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.)
- POLK STATE TRUSTEES : The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Monday, 4 p.m., Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.)
- GREEN OPENS VOLUSIA HEADQUARTERS: Democrat Karen Green, who is running for an open seat in Central Florida's Congressional District 7, is scheduled to open a campaign headquarters. (Monday, 5:30 p.m., 247 West Voorhis Ave., DeLand.)

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**

- VIRTUAL SCHOOL : The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmlumUXCg>)
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a workshop about a proposed rule related to energy-efficiency goals. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Florida Public Service Commission, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN TRUSTEES : The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Florida SouthWestern State College, Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.)
- BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES : The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., L.A. Lee YMCA/Mizell Community Center, 1409 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.)
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD : The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m., The College of the Florida Keys, Key West Campus, 5901 College Road, Key West. <https://meet.goto.com/786841333>. Call-in number: 1-571- 317-3112. Code: 786841333)
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD : The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing on a budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Tuesday, 5:05 p.m., St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.)
- SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING EYED: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about widening part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. Information at [www.SawgrassAtlantictoSample.com](http://www.SawgrassAtlantictoSample.com))
- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD : The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

- FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC TRUSTEES : The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, 4700 Research Way, Lakeland.)

- **FISH AND WILDLIFE PANEL** : The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will start a two-day meeting, with issues expected to include a report on captive breeding of diamondback terrapins. (Wednesday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Miami Dadeland, 9100 North Kendall Dr., Miami.)
- **CITRUS ISSUES ON MENU**: The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.)
- **PAROLE CASES**: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- **DISTRICT DISCUSSES RESILIENCY**: The South Florida Water Management District will hold a forum about resiliency issues related to sea-level rise and flooding. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.)
- **HISTORIC PRESERVATION**: The Florida Historical Commission is slated to review historic-preservation grant applications. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6485869983072431376>)
- **PSC HOLDS CUSTOMER**: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about a proposed rate increase in Polk County by Hidden Cove, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service. (Wednesday, 9 a.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES**: The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- **WORKERS' COMP** : The Florida Workers' Compensation Insurance Guaranty Association will meet. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://fwciga.org/meetings/>)
- **ALZHEIMER'S ADDRESSED**: The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83233822025?pwd=NnZrdkIudnRzdkNGZVg5OEJoSkFnQT09>. Meeting ID: 83233822025. Code: 610451)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD** : The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.)
- **UTILITY RATES** : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer hearing about a proposed rate increase in Polk County by CHC VII, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service. (Wednesday, 3 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- **AUDIOLOGY, HEARING AID PANELS** : The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and the Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will hold a joint meeting. (Wednesday, 4 p.m. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=335609357>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 335609357)
- **HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD** : The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, South Shore Campus, 551 24th St., N.E., Ruskin.)

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**

- **FISH AND WILDLIFE**: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will conclude a two-day meeting with an update on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and a proposed rule change about gear intended to improve the survival of released reef fish. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Miami Dadeland, 9100 North Kendall Dr., Miami.)
- **ENTERPRISE FLORIDA BOARD** : The Enterprise Florida Board of Directors will meet in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., JW Marriott Tampa Water Street, 510 Water St., Tampa.)
- **UCF TRUSTEES** : The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of Central Florida, Live Oak Event Center, Orlando.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION** : The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- **GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PANEL** : The Florida Greenways and Trails Council is scheduled to meet in Volusia County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.)

- PSC HOLDS CUSTOMER MEETING: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about rates for Anglers Cove West, Ltd., which provides water and wastewater service in Polk County. (Thursday, 10 a.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL : The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. (Thursday, 11:45 a.m., The Crossing at Blackwater Golf Course, 4927 Antioch Road., Crestview.)
- LONG-TERM CARE: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program state council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- FARMWORKERS : The Florida Farmworkers Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 1 p.m. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88636690326?pwd=eWxCU3o0WlRYU3Zxd0xJYnh5THpCd09>. Meeting ID: 88636690326. Code: 413692; Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099)
- UTILITY RATES : The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a customer meeting about rates for S.V. Utilities, which provides water and wastewater service in Polk County. (Thursday, 2 p.m. <http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage>)
- LIFE AND HEALTH PANEL : The Florida Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 3 p.m. Contact Michelle Robleto at 850-523-1870 for information.)
- SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY WIDENING: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about widening part of the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County. (Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Tamarac Community Center, 8601 West Commercial Blvd., Tamarac.)

#### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

- MINIMUM WAGE GOES TO \$11: In the second increase under a 2020 constitutional amendment, Florida's minimum wage will go to \$11 an hour on Friday. The voter-approved amendment, spearheaded by prominent Orlando attorney John Morgan, will gradually lead to a \$15-an-hour minimum wage on Sept. 30, 2026, and inflation-linked increases after that. Under the measure, the minimum wage went to \$10 an hour on Sept. 30, 2021, and will increase by \$1 each Sept. 30 until 2026.
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS: A joint committee of the Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will discuss a draft rule that could restrict doctors from providing treatments to transgender people under age 18. The meeting will come after the Florida Department of Health in July filed a petition seeking a rule-making process on the contentious issue of treatment for gender dysphoria. The petition proposed what is known as a "standard of care" that would prohibit patients under age 18 from receiving sex-reassignment surgery and puberty-blocking, hormone and hormone "antagonist" treatments. It also would require that older patients sign a consent form and then wait 24 hours before starting such treatments. (Friday, 8 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- LONG-TERM CARE: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program state council is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- SUICIDE PREVENTION : The Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.)
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION : The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PANEL : The Florida Greenways and Trails Council is scheduled to meet in Volusia County. (Friday, 9 a.m., DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.)
- HUNGER: 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/8382835405127995152>)
- FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUSTEES : The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 1 p.m. <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 23.

**Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting**

*Wednesday – November 3 0 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting  
Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program  
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)*

**Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting**

*Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting  
Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program  
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)*

**Florida Rural Economic Development Summit**

*December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine  
[Registration for Summit](#)*

**About the Briefing!**

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – [doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

**Website Links**

**[Small County Coalition Website](#)**

**[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)**