



The Briefing – Wednesday – September 28 –2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday – September 27 - 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

Things are real when Jim Cantore Shows up! He checked into a hotel in Punta Gorda!

Update on Ian

As of 6:00am this morning

[Latest Public Advisory - 5:00am](#)

6:00 AM EDT Wed Sep 28

Location: 25.8°N 82.8°W - Moving: NNE at 10 mph

Min pressure: 941 mb - Max sustained: 140 mph

Key Messages

1. **Life-threatening storm surge** is expected along the Florida west coast and the Lower Florida Keys where a storm surge warning is in effect, with the highest risk from Naples to the Sarasota region. Residents in these areas should listen to advice given by local officials and follow any evacuation orders for your area.
2. **Hurricane-force winds** are expected in the hurricane warning area in southwest and west-central Florida beginning Wednesday morning with tropical storm conditions expected overnight. Catastrophic wind damage is expected near the core of Ian when it moves onshore.
3. **Heavy rainfall** will spread across the Florida peninsula through Thursday and reach portions of the Southeast later this week and this weekend. Widespread, life-threatening catastrophic flooding is expected across portions of central Florida with considerable flooding in southern Florida, northern Florida, southeastern Georgia and coastal South Carolina. Widespread, prolonged major and record river flooding expected across central Florida.

Additional Emergency Response Resources

[The Latest Updates from the National Hurricane Center](#)

[The Fla Division of Emergency Management Website](#)

[The Fla Dept of Education - School Closures](#)

FloridaDisaster.org

[State Emergency Response Team \(SERT\)](#)

[Emergency Support Functions](#)

[Emergency Coordinating Officers](#)

[Planning and Preparation](#)

The Quick

Game ON!

The UF, FSU, USF Football games scheduled for Saturday are still on! Some sites juggled!

[Here's the College Football TV Schedule for Week Five](#)

Gadsden County Commissioner Resigns

A Gadsden County Commissioner recently appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis abruptly resigned last week after pictures allegedly showing him in a Ku Klux Klan outfit started to circulate, according to Gadsden County Sheriff Morris Young. Young said that the pictures were brought to him last Tuesday and multiple people told him the pictures were of Gadsden County Commissioner Jeff Moore. He said when he approached Moore about the pictures, Moore did not deny it was him. Moore has withdrawn from the race to be elected. Gadsden County is the only majority minority county in the State. The racial makeup of the county was 57.14% Black or African American, 38.70% White, 0.23% Native American, 0.26% Asian, 0.02% Pacific Islander, 2.76% from other races, and 0.89% from two or more races. 6.17% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race.

Headlines Around the State

Herald: Ian turns into a dangerous Cat 4 hurricane, and forecast to make Florida landfall soon

WUSF: Ian expected to cause life-threatening storm surge, catastrophic winds and flooding

AP: Hurricane Ian gets nasty quickly, turbocharged by warm water

NYTimes: 'The Real Deal': Florida's Low-Lying Gulf Coast Braces for Hurricane Ian

Times: Southwest Florida grapples with Hurricane Ian's last-minute turn

Politico: Florida prepares for catastrophic flooding as Hurricane Ian approaches

Herald: It's not just storm surge: Ian's slow crawl across FL could bring catastrophic rain

WaPo: The scene in Florida as residents prepare for Hurricane Ian

Herald: Why is Ian's path to Florida so hard to predict? There's a reason for the whiplash.

Herald: Two tornadoes tear through Broward, while Ian hounds Florida as a major hurricane

FlaPol: Lee County officials lay out plans as Hurricane Ian shifts toward Southwest Florida

FlaPol: Ian headed for SW Florida, but Gov. DeSantis warns Tampa, inland areas to brace for impact

FlaPol: St. Pete officials emphasize Hurricane Ian's uncertainty, warn of storm surges and damaging tornadoes

Herald: At potential ground zero in this Florida beach town, they can only hope Ian veers away

Herald: As winds intensify into the night, Florida Keys residents told to find shelter. Some don't

FlaPol: Florida officials say time is now to evacuate for coastal residents in Ian's path

Bradenton Herald: Some Anna Maria Island residents won't evacuate for Hurricane Ian. 'You need to go now.'

Times: Tampa Bay braces for Hurricane Ian as forecasts ease worst fears

NYTimes: A Major Hurricane Has Not Hit Tampa for Over 100 Years

Times: At Tampa Bay's hurricane shelters, gratitude. 'Why stay at home by myself?'

Times: Some Tampa Bay Latino families struggle to prepare for Ian

Times: Florida schools shift from classrooms to shelters

Daily News: Where is Jim Cantore? Weather Channel meteorologist spotted in Punta Gorda

FlaPol: Rut-roh Charlotte County: Jim Cantore checking in

Herald: DeSantis, Biden play nice as Hurricane Ian freezes midterm politics in Florida

Herald: Biden, DeSantis talk ahead of Hurricane Ian's arrival

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis lauds Joe Biden in chat with Sean Hannity

Times: Charlie Crist emphasizes local evacuation orders as Hurricane Ian nears

FlaPol: Hurricane Ian threatens an already wobbly insurance market in Florida

Herald: Florida Gulf Coast faces massive storm surge from Ian. Sea level rise could play a role

Politico: People built in harm's way. Here comes Ian.

FlaPol: Miami sending 'strike force' to Tampa to help with Hurricane Ian, braces for flooding at home

WUSF: Ian's slow crawl could hamper restoring power

Bradenton Herald: Hurricane Ian may force FPL to shut down Manatee power plant. Here's why.

FlaPol: Peoples Gas is prepared for Hurricane Ian

Times: Tampa Electric won't shut off power around downtown Tampa after all

FlaPol: Hurricane Ian bears down on Florida election deadline

FlaPol: With tens of millions, Ron DeSantis campaign is dominating the airwaves in race for Governor

Politico: DeSantis-appointed county commissioner resigns after alleged Ku Klux Klan picture emerges

FlaPol: Medicaid providers ask circuit court to protect them from \$15 minimum wage-related lawsuits

FlaPol: FWC delays terrapin breeding rule, budget request passage amid Ian

FlaPol: Jacksonville City Council OKs final budget of Lenny Curry era

Politico: Why drones may start buzzing around the nation's prisons

Herald: Republicans block probe of contributions by Chinese elites to Trump PAC through spa operator

AP: Testimony: School shooter drew swastikas, sought child porn

Times: Howard Frankland Bridge, a \$865 million construction project, prepares for Hurricane Ian

Herald: A 'fearless' voice: Miami Herald columnist Leonard Pitts retiring after 31 years

PNJ: Pensacola Mayor-elect D.C. Reeves sells Perfect Plain Brewery

On the Docket

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://attendeegotowebinar.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=NnZrdk1udnRzdkNGZVg5OEJoSkFnQT09>. 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=eWxCU3o0WlRYU3Zxd0xJYnh5THpCdz09>. 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://attendeegotowebinar.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.

Upcoming Meetings

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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