



The Briefing – Monday – October 3 –2022

The last Briefing was Saturday – October 1 – 2022

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

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

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)

The Annual Rural Economic Development Summit will be held December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine. The coordinators of the summit are encouraging local elected officials in our rural communities to attend. Here is the registration information - [Registration for Summit](#)

Ian Update

Work through your local EOC Offices and DEM to support Impacted Counties

This morning I reached out directly to individuals (staff and/or elected officials) in many of the counties impacted by Ian (Hardee, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, Monroe, Flagler, Putnam, and Charlotte). Each of them expressed appreciation for the concern from colleagues around the state and all are in varying states of impact. Also, since the Ian's departure from the state – there have been multiple offers of assistance being communicated to provide support to those counties impacted. The “non-Impacted” counties want to help and return the favor that they received during Hurricane Michael and other disasters in the past. Offers of support teams, equipment, tarps, food, clothing and other supplies have been extended. At this point, if your county or organization wishes to participate in providing support and/or resources, it is recommended that - unless you have a direct contact in the impacted community that is willing to receive and execute distribution – you should work with your local EOC and have them communicate the availability of “whatever” is being offered to the State DEM office through a mission statement. Although it is very helpful, and can be accomplished using other processes, the Local Emergency Management network is very structure with established procedures that can facilitate the conveying of resources to the right

Challenging the Medicaid Minimum Wage Mandate

Considering Intervening?

- [Motion For Temporary Injunction and to Consolidate Consideration of Motion with Final Consideration on the Merits\(003\).pdf](#)
- [Complaint For Declaratory and Injunctive Relief](#)

Last week, a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief was filed by several entities including the Florida Ambulance Association, the Florida Assisted Living Association, and the Home Care Association

of Florida challenging the constitutionality of the proviso language included in the 22-23 Appropriations Bill. This proviso language being challenged has caused significant problems for many of the small counties and effective January 1 a Cause of Action will go into effect giving employees the ability to challenge whether the county is following the mandate. Several counties indicated frustration with the legislatures action mandating the minimum wage – the action complicated budgets, pay scales, undermined local planning, and, lacked input and communication from the local level. At this point, it remains unclear as to whether the ACHA’s revised reimbursement rates for transporting Medicaid patients will cover the cost of the mandate. Some counties have pondered pulling out of the reimbursement program and funding the cost directly without getting into the increase required in the statute. At this point, none has done so! The lead counsel for the Florida Ambulance Association is **William Dean Hall III** – whall@deanmead.com – 850-999-4100. If your county wishes to explore intervening – have your county attorney contact Mr. Hall for further discussions.

Tropical Outlook

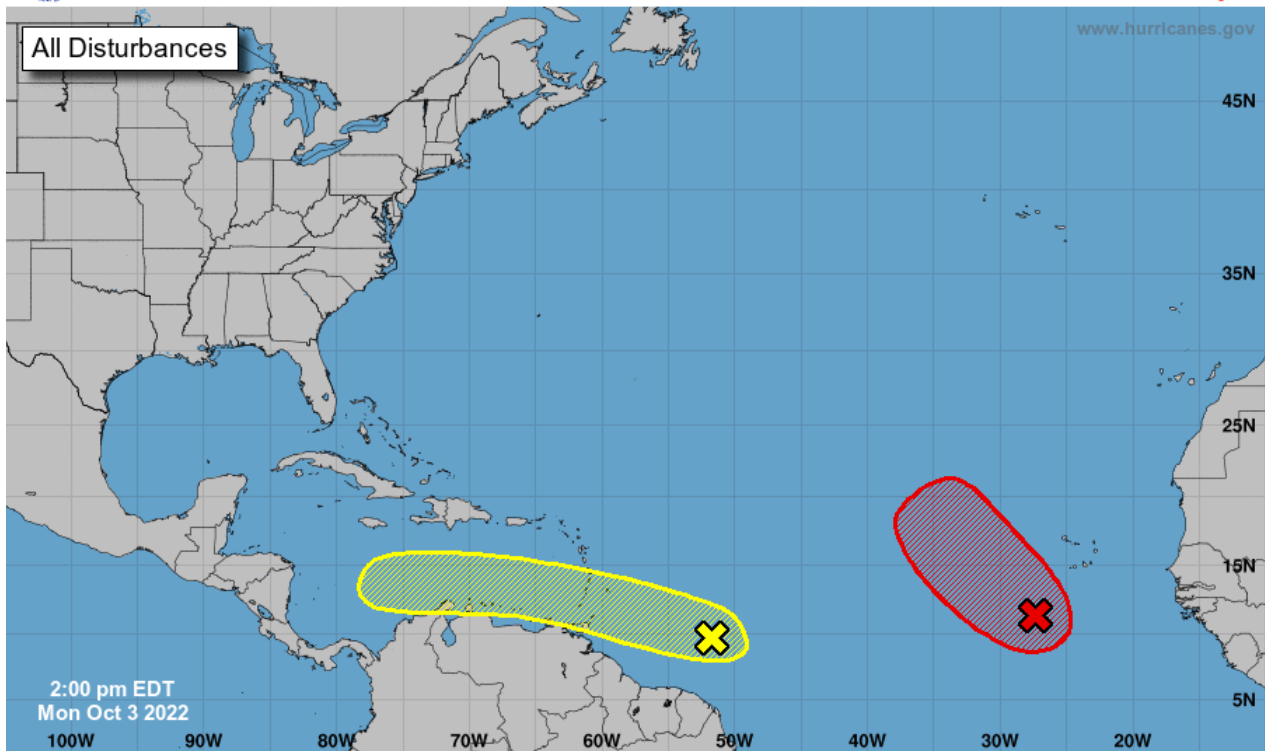
www.nhc.noaa.gov

[Tropical Update 10-3-22.pdf](#)



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: X < 40% X 40-60% X > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: ○ Depression ⊙ Storm ⊛ Hurricane
⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

- These tropical waves pose no threat to Florida at this time, but will continue to monitor the tropical wave nearing the Windward Islands.
- Florida rivers, creeks, and waterways continue to run at high levels. West Florida waterways have generally crested and look to slowly recede over the coming days.

- Many rivers across the Peninsula and Northeast Florida are in or are forecast to reach moderate to major flood stage over the next several days. Several rivers reached or continue to run at above-record flood levels. Riverine flooding will likely continue, even despite the absence of rainfall in the forecast.

Headlines Around the State

Herald Tribune: 'They'll never look the same again': Senators Rubio, Scott discuss federal aid, rebuilding after Ian

FlaPol: Marco Rubio says he'll oppose Hurricane Ian relief package if unrelated measures are tacked on

Politico: Live near water? Get flood insurance, FEMA admin says after Ian.

WUSF: FEMA says a record amount of aid is coming to Hurricane Ian victims amid rescues

News4Jax: Feds vow major aid for Hurricane Ian victims amid rescues

Times: Floridians must understand risk when rebuilding after Ian, US official says

Herald: Florida's post-Ian era: Recover. Reconnect. Reassess. Rebuild?

Herald: 'In panic mode.' Fear of not enough water, food, gas in Florida's coastal towns after Ian

Post: The property insurance market was melting down. Then Hurricane Ian flooded Southwest Florida.

Times: Feds open first post-Ian recovery center in Tampa to apply for loans

NBC Miami: 'We Need Help': Massive Recovery From Ian Underway as Rescues Continue

News4Jax: Floridians urged to be cautious, aware of potential scams in wake of Ian's destruction

Times-Union: As disaster fund reopens after Ian, homes hit by Irma still being repaired

NYTimes: The Story Behind DeSantis's Migrant Flights to Martha's Vineyard

Sentinel: Central Florida struggles with Ian's ongoing sewage crisis

NBC Miami: 'It's Survival Mode': Fort Myers Residents Face Tough Road to Recovery

Axios: Thousands still without power in Lee and Sarasota counties after Ian

News-Press: Weather numbers paint grim picture of Southwest Florida as wind, storm surge surveys still underway

Times: Sheriff counts 42 deaths in Lee County, stands by Ian evacuation orders

Herald Tribune: Sheriff says Hurricane Ian claims 23 lives in Charlotte County

Sun-Sentinel: The voice of the Parkland gunman has been silent in front of the jury. Until the prosecution's rebuttal.

Herald: State rests manslaughter case against Mexican actor Pablo Lyle. Then, his wife testified

FlaPol: Governor waives Florida's unemployment assistance requirements for those affected by Ian

Herald Tribune: Gov. DeSantis says Hurricane Ian left North Port with worst standing water in Florida

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis directs FDOT to expedite restoration for access roads to Pine Island

Politico: Officials assess massive hurricane damage as Florida begins long recovery

The Capitolist: The long road to recovery

Bradenton Herald: About 10,000 people still in Florida shelters after Hurricane Ian, officials say

News-Press: Hurricane Ian: When will FPL restore all power in Florida?

FlaPol: Florida Power and Light restores power to additional 31K

WUSF: Flooding and closed roads are some of the challenges Florida's people face after Ian

WUSF: River flooding menaces Florida inland towns after Hurricane Ian

AP: Ian is long gone but water keeps rising in central Florida

FlaPol: After Ian: SW Florida struggles to pick up the pieces

Times: Ian's nasty swipe at Sanibel cuts deep for many Floridians. Here's why.

FlaPol: Corey Simon, Florida Senate GOP take out full page ad to bash Tallahassee paper, League of Women Voters over debate

Sentinel: Opponent blasts GOP candidate Amesty for living in home owned by religious nonprofit

Ledger: Polk State College President Angela Garcia Falconetti appointed to state advisory group

Herald: 'It's a total loss.' Iona residents left with little after Hurricane Ian

TCPalm: FPL restoring Treasure Coast power after Hurricane Ian; 316 remain without power

News4Jax: Poor Florida neighborhood battered by flood tries to recover

WUSF: Sarasota County schools will remain closed after Hurricane Ian until safety can be ensured

Herald Tribune: Manatee County schools to resume Tuesday, Sarasota schools remain closed amid Hurricane Ian damage

Democrat: Superintendent: 'All options are on the table' to address issue of guns on campus

WUSF: People displaced by Hurricane Ian share their stories from a Lee County shelter

Ledger: Polk debris collection starts Monday, schools open Tuesday

On the Docket

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022

- **WETLANDS DISPUTE HEARD:** The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in a case about the authority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over wetlands. The Idaho case has drawn briefs from across the country, including from Associated Industries of Florida and the affiliated Florida H2O Coalition. Also, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody has signed on to a brief filed by other states. (Monday, 10 a.m., U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.)
- **AUSLEY, SIMON DEBATE:** Sen. Lorraine Ausley, D-Tallahassee, and Corey Simon, a Republican seeking to unseat her in November, will debate at the Capital Tiger Bay Club. (Monday, 11:30 a.m., Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- **LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES AT TIGER BAY:** Candidates in four Orlando-area legislative races are slated to appear at the Tiger Bay Club of Central Florida. (Monday, 11:30 a.m., Citrus Club, 255 South Orange Ave., Suite 1800, Orlando.)
- **ANTONACCI REMEMBERED:** A “celebration of life” service will be held for Pete Antonacci, who died Sept. 23 of a heart attack after a career that included serving in numerous high-ranking government posts. At the time of his death, Antonacci, 74, was director of the state’s new Office of Election Crimes and Security. Previously, he held positions including Broward County supervisor of elections, CEO of Enterprise Florida, executive director of the South Florida Water Management District, Palm Beach County state attorney and general counsel to former Gov. Rick

Scott. (Monday, 3 p.m., Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022

- **STORM PROTECTION PLANS:** The Florida Public Service Commission will take up a series of issues, including storm-protection plans for Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida, Tampa Electric Co. and Florida Public Utilities Co. (Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **‘WELL-BEING COUNCIL’:** The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **OPTICIAN ISSUES:** The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. (Tuesday, 5 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/832436685>. Call-in number: 1-877-309 2073. Code: 832436685)
- **MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD:** The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022

- **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)
- **DENTAL SCREENINGS:** Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, Rep. Daniel Perez, R-Miami, and Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, will sponsor an event that will offer free dental screenings for children. (Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ronselli Park, 250 S.W. 114th Ave., Miami.)
- **DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD:** The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81386714803?pwd=VzJYVFU4WkFQaVhPeHVhRytzVTVEZm90>. Meeting ID: 8138671480. Code: 954436. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656)
- **CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD:** The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hampton Center, 1501 West Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

- **FAMU TRUSTEES:** The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Florida A&M University, Grand Ballroom, Tallahassee. <https://famu.zoom.us/j/94906121517?pwd=Y05QMw12NTUxTjQvcE1lL25lZm9XZz09>. Webinar ID: 94906121517. Code: 738230. Call-in number: 1-646-931-3860)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **NORTHEAST FLORIDA COUNCIL:** The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet in Duval County. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- **SOCIAL WORK BOARD:** The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling will meet. (Thursday, 11 a.m. <https://meet.goto.com/862593893>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 862593893)
- **HALEY SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH:** Former United Nations Ambassador and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. (Thursday, noon, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.)

- NURSING BOARD: The Florida Board of Nursing is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Tampa, USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022

- BOARD OF MEDICINE: The Florida Board of Medicine is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., The Westshore Grand, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa.)
- NURSING BOARD: The Florida Board of Nursing is scheduled to meet in Hillsborough County. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Embassy Suites Tampa, USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)
- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES: The Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 30.

Upcoming Meetings

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

*Wednesday – November 30 - 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

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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