



The Briefing – Tuesday – October 4 –2022

The last Briefing was Monday – October 3 – 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

For the best and latest information use the Division of Emergency Management Link-

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

Power outages – as of this morning!

[DEM Website for Tracking Progress on Power Restoration](#)

As of this morning, 422,064 people were without power or 3.73% of the population.

According to the DEM Power Tracker

In Charlotte County – 60.44% of population remains without service.

In DeSoto County – 49.65 % of population remains without service.

In Lee County – 46.3% of population remains without service.

In Sarasota County – 24.3% of population remains without service.

In Hendry County – 10.80% of population remains without service.

In Hardee County – 8.1% of population remains without service.

In Collier County – 7.98% of population remains without service.

In Glades county – 2.87% of population remains without service.

In Highlands County – 1.9% of population remains without service.

School Districts Coming Back On-line

Hendry, Manatee, Orange, Osceola and Polk counties' schools reopened today. Volusia County schools will open Wednesday. Collier County Schools will be open Thursday. Public schools in Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Lee and Sarasota counties are closed until further notice.

As Expected, Insurance Claims Soar

As of Monday, more than 222,000 insurance claims had been filed from Hurricane Ian, according to data posted on the state Office of Insurance Regulation website. The data showed 222,261 claims filed in Florida, with estimated insured losses of \$1.61 billion. Those numbers are expected to dramatically increase, with two financial-rating agencies last week estimating insured losses at \$25 billion to \$40 billion. Of the claims filed as of Monday, the vast majority, 165,008, involved residential property. Other types of claims included for auto damage. The data showed that 1,701 claims had been closed with payments, while 4,303 had been closed without payments.

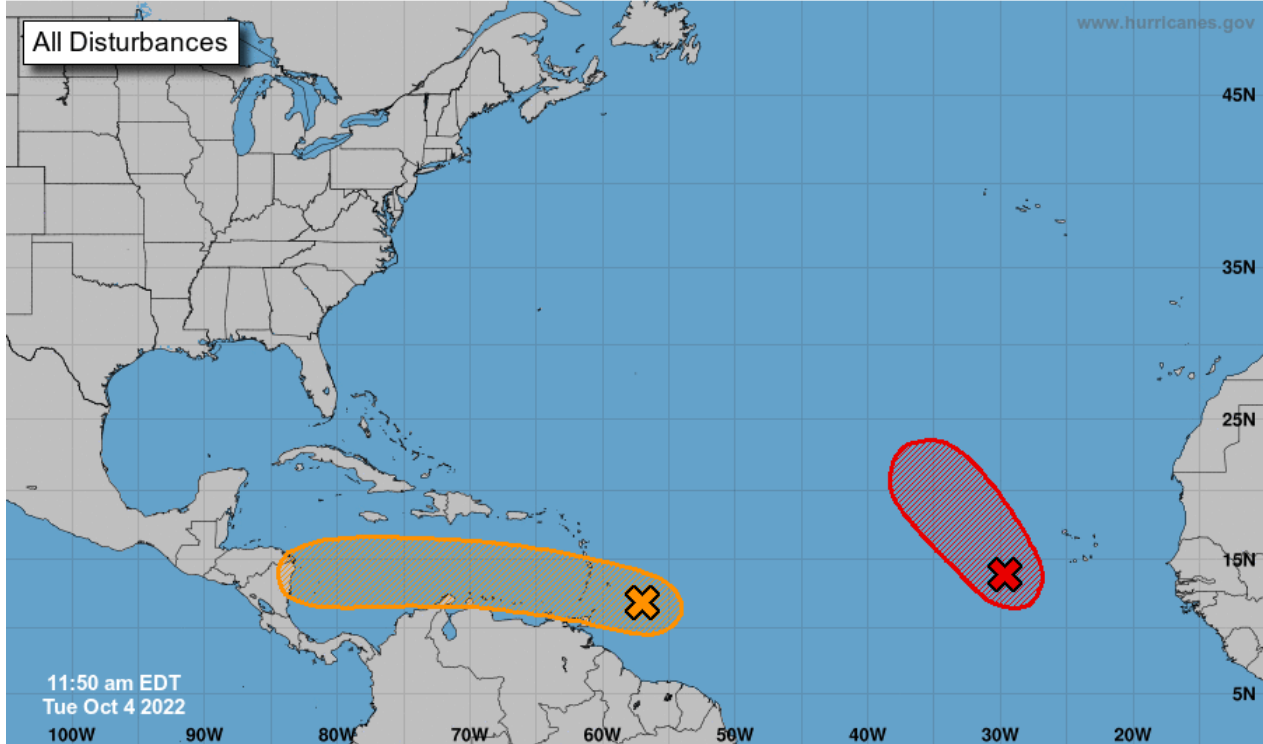
Tropical Outlook

www.nhc.noaa.gov

[Tropical Update 10-4-22.pdf](#)

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

Florida Outlook:

- 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 day. 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: DeSantis takes over the national conversation

CBS Miami: Reports: Woman who lured migrants on DeSantis' flights to Martha's Vineyard identified

PNJ: Congressman Matt Gaetz votes against bill that included disaster relief funds for Florida

FlaPol: Val Demings calls for Special Legislative Session to avert insurance catastrophe following Hurricane Ian

Politico: Time to Reinvent Florida Once Again

WLRN: Re-building after hurricanes in Florida: Are the lessons being learned?

FlaPol: Florida's Hurricane Ian claims at \$1.6B and counting

City & State FL: Federal judge tosses out challenge to controversial Florida education law

Sentinel: US Supreme Court rejects Florida's 'fragile' kids case

FlaPol: With new GOP infusion, ad spending in CD 27 nearly quadruple the next-costliest U.S. House race in South Florida

The Capitolist: Power restoration for hurricane victims progressing rapidly

News4Jax: Hurricane Ian shakes SW Florida's faith but can't destroy it

Times: Florida says at least 1,700 remain in emergency shelters after Hurricane Ian

Sentinel: After Hurricane Ian cleanup, Space Coast back in business this week

News-Press: Fort Myers Beach mayor Ray Murphy on TODAY show: Search and rescue ongoing after Hurricane Ian

My News 13: Gas prices in Florida dive because of suspension of state's gas tax

The Capitolist: State gas tax holiday goes into effect; Floridians to save 25 cents per gallon

Democrat: As gas tax relief kicks in, Florida could see sub-\$3 per gallon prices

News-Press: Hit by Hurricane Ian, Southwest Florida neighbors (who can) are helping other neighbors

The Capitolist: Florida Blue offers free telehealth consultations for hurricane-afflicted Floridians

Sentinel: Hurricane Ian recovery: Thousands register for FEMA help in Orange County

Herald: Grueling Ian search takes toll on Miami fire crews. 'Forget about our jobs, we're human.'

The Capitolist: Walgreens donates \$1 million to aid communities impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona

FlaPol: Florida trial lawyers deliver \$50K in supplies to Hurricane Ian victims

FlaPol: AARP Foundation to match up to \$1M in charitable giving for Hurricane relief

AP: Judge: ITG is liable for Florida tobacco settlement payments

FlaPol: Organizations offer \$50K in hurricane relief for Florida Park Service workers

Sun-Sentinel: 'I struggle. I struggle. I struggle.' Broward lawmakers conflicted over death penalty, including for Stoneman Douglas killer

WLRN: Parkland shooter contemplated massacre for years

NBC Miami: 'Really Nasty and Sad to See': Parkland School Shooter Interviews Played as Sentencing Resumes

Post: Nikolas Cruz sentencing trial live updates: Gunman stays in touch with Sandy Hook victim's mother

WLRN: Miami-Dade surpasses Chicago as the nation's third largest school district - at least for now

Herald: Is Miami Beach like Russia? Commissioner apologizes for comparing mayor to Putin

Herald: 'Not a scene from a soap opera.' Jury to decide if Mexican actor broke law with fatal punch

Politico: DeSantis asked the feds for hurricane relief. But he's long used their cash.

Herald: DeSantis has banked more than \$100M. Why is GOP governors group giving him even more?

Herald: 'Politics are going to get injected': Days after Ian, campaigns roar back to life

Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis defends Lee evacuation as Ian death toll reaches 93

FlaPol: Charlie Crist seeks insurance testimonials, announces \$1M in donations from outside state

Times: Hurricane Ian tied to about 100 deaths in Florida, including 1 in Hillsborough

WUSF: State clears way for jobless benefits after Ian

NBC Miami: Florida in Full-Scale Recovery Mode From Ian as State's Death Toll Reaches 100

Politico: Death toll rises in Florida as search and rescue operations continue

News-Press: Gov. Ron DeSantis promises temporary fixes to Pine Island, Sanibel bridges

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

WUSF: Florida state agencies share resources and news regarding unemployment, education and more following Hurricane Ian

WLRN: Florida citrus growers face a gamut of damages from Hurricane Ian

Times: Visit Florida pauses advertising as it crafts a post-Hurricane Ian campaign

Times: Many Florida schools plan to reopen, but those in hard hit areas remain closed

FlaPol: Following Ian, five counties' schools remain closed with no set reopen date

CBS Miami: Frustration and desperation mount as Ian's effects linger

FlaPol: Friends, lawyers, family remember Peter Antonacci at Tallahassee memorial service

WLRN: Rural communities across Florida are navigating blanket power outages after Hurricane Ian

City & State FL: Black GOP candidate depicted in ad on shooting target in contentious Florida Senate race

FlaPol: Three-pack ads targeting Corey Simon draw GOP complaints over language, imagery

Democrat: Lorraine Ausley, Corey Simon square off in Tiger Bay debate

FlaPol: Abortion, 2020 among differences spotlighted in first Lorraine Ausley, Corey Simon debate

FlaPol: Democrats bash Gov. DeSantis over Gadsden official who resigned amid KKK costume controversy

FlaPol: Linda Chaney hosts Ian relief drive across Pinellas beaches through Wednesday

Democrat: Advocates wait a 'damn long time' for Holocaust and slavery memorials at Florida Capitol

WLRN: In one Fort Myers neighborhood, Black residents feel forsaken in Ian's aftermath
Herald: Florida dairy farm lost 200 cows to Hurricane Ian. Community came in 'like the cavalry'
Bradenton Herald: Did Anna Maria Islands beaches survive Hurricane Ian? 'Zero loss,' county says
Herald Tribune: Home damage from Ian exceeds \$33M in unincorporated Sarasota County, according to initial report
The Capitolist: Finalists named for FGCU Presidential search
Today: Indialantic mayor arrested on battery charge after striking Town Council candidate with rake
Sentinel: State to OCPS: Give immediate attention to school safety, discipline issues
Times: Security firm lays off 289 guards at Florida dispensaries, 64 in Tampa Bay
Ledger: Florida Supreme Court disciplines two attorneys from Polk

On the Docket

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=VzJYVFU4WkFQaVhPeHVhRytzVTVEZm99>. 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=Y05QMW12NTUxTjQvcE1IL25lZm9XZz09>. 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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