



*State Prepares for hit from Tropical Depression Ten*

***The Briefing for Saturday – August 26, 2023***

*The last Briefing was Monday – August 21, 2023*

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

**The Quick**

Link to information on the [2023 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday beginning on Saturday, August 26, 2023, and ends on Friday, September 8, 2023.](#)

***Governor declares State of Emergency for 33 counties***

Gov. Ron DeSantis has declared a state of emergency for 33 counties Saturday as the State eyes the progress of the tropical depression forecast to head toward the state's Gulf Coast and become a hurricane. Tropical Depression Ten was stationary as of the 5 p.m. advisory, located about 65 miles northeast of Cozumel, Mexico, with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph. Little movement is expected through Sunday, before a slow northward motion begins Monday. The depression is first expected to become a tropical storm Sunday.

[The forecast path](#) has the storm curling north toward Florida's Gulf Coast by Tuesday or Wednesday.

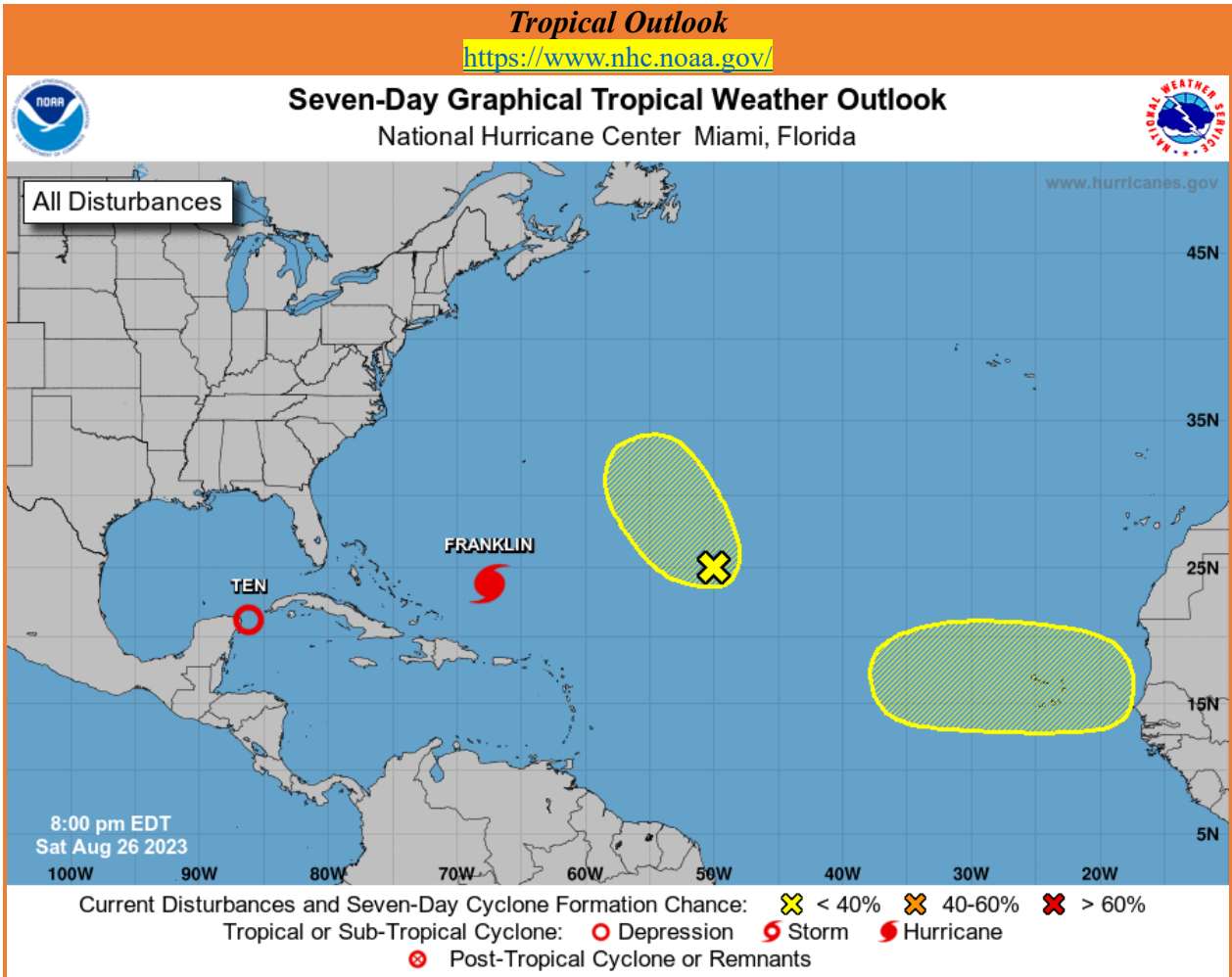
The Florida Department of Emergency Management has been activated ahead of expected impacts to the state. FDEM has been speaking with officials from all 67 counties in Florida to identify needed resources and prepare for any impacts from TD10. Other state agencies including FDLE, FWC, and the Department of Health are preparing for Tropical Depression 10's impacts to the state.

The following counties are under a State of Emergency:

**Recommended**

1. Alachua	12. Gulf	23. Madison
2. Bay	13. Hamilton	24. Manatee
3. Calhoun	14. Hardee	25. Marion\
4. Charlotte	15. Hernando	26. Pasco
5. Citrus	16. Hillsborough	27. Pinellas
6. Columbia	17. Jefferson	28. Polk
7. DeSoto	18. Lafayette	29. Sarasota
8. Dixie	19. Lee	30. Sumter
9. Franklin	20. Leon	31. Suwanee
10. Gadsden	21. Levy	32. Taylor

11. Gilchrist	22. Liberty	33. Wakulla
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## *Headlines Around the State*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says he 'muscled' in Mexican border talk at GOP debate*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says people looking for child care won't get help from the feds if he becomes President*

*The Hill: Florida lawyer files challenge to disqualify Trump from 2024 race, citing 14th Amendment*

*Sun-Sentinel: Trump ineligible for presidency because of his role in insurrection, lawsuit says*

*Herald: DeSantis said at debate a woman survived 'multiple abortion attempts.' Here's the real story*

*FlaPol: 'Rich Men North of Richmond' continues to serve as Ron DeSantis' rally cry*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis, Donald Trump headline new Joe Biden ad on 'extreme' abortion bans*

*The Floridian: Gimenez Tells Suarez to Drop out of 2024 Race*

*The Floridian: Scott Calls for Fed Chair Powell's Resignation*

*Herald: Beyoncé bucks: Donors pay to groove with Miami politicians in concert suites*

*Sentinel: Marco Rubio watches 'Swamp Kings' instead of presidential debate. Senator issues grave warning about threat from China.*

*City & State FL: Marco Rubio talks China, VA woes – but not UFOs – in West Palm*

*The Floridian: Mills Introduces Resolution to Impeach Lloyd Austin*

*The Floridian: Moskowitz Backs Sanctions on Hezbollah-linked Group*

*The Floridian: Gaetz Pressures DEA over Marijuana Classification*

*The Floridian: Salazar Questions Ceiling Fan Manufacturer Regulations*

*Herald: Unable to find a buyer, Americano Media faces near-total shutdown*

*WUSF: Coral scientists fear a global bleaching event, with Florida leading the way*

*WLRN: MPOX was a big problem. Now, not so much. What happened?*

*PNJ: Pensacola's Confederate monument will stay down – for now*

*WUSF: NASA and SpaceX scrub Friday early morning crew launch from Kennedy Space Center*

*Sentinel: Higher chance Florida-bound tropical system will form, hurricane center says*

*ABC News: DeSantis' campaign says it raised more than \$1 million in 24 hours after GOP debate*

*Bloomberg: Ron DeSantis Super PAC Plans \$25 Million Ad Blitz, Its Biggest Yet*

*My News 13: Top law leaders, community members reject proposed merger of Florida circuit courts*

*The Capitolist: Legal professionals, lawmakers, and police chiefs steadfast in opposition to judicial consolidation*

*WUSF: Court consolidation efforts continue to draw opposition*

*Herald: State Democratic Party Chair Nikki Fried's 'Take Back Florida' stops in North Miami*

*WLRN: Nikki Fried is trying to reinvigorate Democrats to take on Rick Scott for US Senate*

*Democrat: Florida Housing chief reinstated by DeSantis after 'unsanctioned' suspension*

*The Capitolist: Gov. DeSantis orders Division of Emergency Management to prepare for storm*

*FlaPol: Consultant distributing misinformation to hurt Erika Booth has history of Democratic support*

*The Capitolist: State Representative eyes county commissioner term limits*

*Times: Right to Rock bill filed for Florida 2024 session would limit entertainment venues*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis taps 4 for inaugural Florida Scholars Academy board of trustees*

*TCPalm: Former state GOP leader, House Rep for Indian River, St. Lucie counties Dale Patchett dies*

*Sentinel: Court rejects UCF students' lawsuits over COVID-19 shutdown*

*Post: In push to reduce violence, use of Florida's red-flag law to remove guns skyrockets*

*FlaPol: Campus Pride dumps UCF, UNF from rankings of best universities for LGBTQ students*

*WUSF: Florida researchers will study the effects of sugar cane burning on brain health*

*Ledger: Florida Polytechnic board names chair of a committee that will search for a new president*

*WUSF: Treasure Island joins the growing list of Florida locales to ban smoking on beaches*

*Herald: Miami Dade College president named Latina Pioneer of the Year at Hispanic Women of Distinction event*

### **On the Docket Around the State**

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023**

- FIU TRUSTEES - Monday, 8:30a.m. The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet.
- Location: <https://webcast.fiu.edu/>
- SPACE INDUSTRY - Monday, 10 a.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet.
- Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando. Call-in number: 1-855-758-1310. Guest code: 6277636389. Passcode: 567768.
- SPRINGS RULES - Monday, 11 a.m. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will hold a workshop about a proposed rule related to "Outstanding Florida Springs." Location: Alachua County Headquarters Library, 401 East University Ave., Gainesville.
- FIGA BOARD - Monday, 1 p.m. The Florida Insurance Guaranty Association Board of Directors will meet. Information at <https://figafacts.com/meetings/>
- CYBERSECURITY - Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council will meet.
- Location: University of Central Florida, Student Union, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando.
- POLK STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 4 p.m. The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet.
- Location: Polk State College, Winter Haven Campus, 999 Avenue H N.E., Winter Haven.

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023**

- JNC INTERVIEWS CANDIDATES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit-judge position and a Lee County judge position. Candidates scheduled to be interviewed are Christopher Whitney, Dennis Wallace, Tylan Ricketts, Tracey Redd, Michael Powell, Richard Frank Myers, Andrew Marcus, Amanda Levy-Reis, Steven Leskovich, Ryan Kuhl, Kimberly Erwin, Deborah Cunningham, James Chandler, Karla Campos-Andersen and Kimberly Davis Bocelli.
- Location: Lee County Justice Center Annex, 2000 Main St., Fort Myers.

- PEOPLES GAS RATES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission is scheduled to start a hearing on a proposed rate increase by Peoples Gas System. Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- HEARING HELD IN UNION DISPUTE - Tuesday, 11 a.m. Administrative Law Judge Robert Cohen will hold a hearing in a case challenging how the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission is carrying out a new law that placed additional restrictions on public-employee unions. The case was filed by the Florida Police Benevolent Association and was joined by the Florida Professional Firefighters, Teamsters and Fraternal Order of Police unions. Location: Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.
- FRIED APPEARS IN PANHANDLE - Tuesday, 11 a.m. Central time and 5 p.m. Central time.
- Florida Democratic Party Chairwoman Nikki Fried is expected to appear in Santa Rosa and Escambia counties as part of a tour through the state. Location: 11 a.m. in Santa Rosa County and 5 p.m. in Escambia County. Information at <https://www.miamidadedems.org/events>
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Broward College, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, 3501 S.W. Davie Road, Davie.
- FORESTRY ISSUES DISCUSSED - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Forestry Council will meet.
- Location: Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, 9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West, Miramar Beach.
- TRANS TREATMENT HEARING - Tuesday, 3 p.m. U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hear arguments on a request for a preliminary injunction against a new state law making it more difficult for transgender adults to access hormone-replacement therapy and surgery. Location: Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023**

- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will meet after holding committee meetings. Among the issues will be reports on presidential searches at New College of Florida and Florida Atlantic University. Committees will start at 9 a.m., with the full board scheduled at 11 a.m. Location: University of Florida, J. Wayne Reitz Union, 655 Reitz Union Dr., Gainesville.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet.
- Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 686974885
- FRIED APPEARS IN NORTH FLORIDA - Wednesday, 11 a.m. Central time and 6 p.m. Eastern time.
- Florida Democratic Party Chairwoman Nikki Fried is expected to make appearances in Bay and Gadsden counties as part of a tour through the state. Location: 11 a.m. in Bay County and 6 p.m. in Gadsden County. Information at <https://www.miamidadedems.org/events>

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023**

- TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the "Florida Technology & Innovation Solution Summit." Among the numerous speakers will be Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral. Location: Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- APALACHEE PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. Location: Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release opinions.
- CITIZENS CLAIMS ISSUES - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531

- FRIED HOLDS NEWS CONFERENCE - Thursday, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Florida Democratic Party Chairwoman Nikki Fried is expected to appear in Jefferson County as part of a tour through the state and hold a news conference in Tallahassee. Location: 11 a.m. in Jefferson County and 1:30 p.m. in Tallahassee. Information at <https://www.miamidadedems.org/events>
- HEALTH INSURANCE - Thursday, 4 p.m. The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-866-299-7949. Code: 1433866

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**

- NURSING BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- OPTICIAN ISSUES EYED - Friday, 2 p.m. The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 216691181

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**

- 'TOOL TIME' TAX HOLIDAY STARTS - The state will start what it calls the "tool time" tax holiday that will allow shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on a variety of items such as hand tools, ladders, shovels, tool belts and work boots. The tax holiday will end Sept. 8.

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