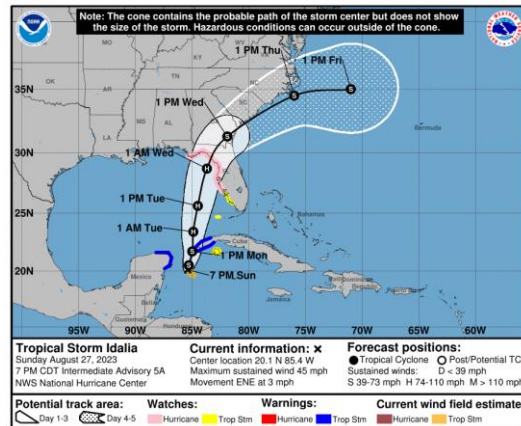


Idalia has Gulf Coast on Edge!



The Briefing for Sunday, August 27, 2023

The last Briefing was Saturday – August 26, 2023

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

The Quick

DeSantis is set to expand Emergency Order to Include NE Florida Counties and Lake, Seminole, and Volusia

Idalia's Track Still Unclear – Latest model shows slight shift toward Central Florida.

Tropical Storm Idalia formed today and is expected to approach Florida as a hurricane this week. As of Sunday afternoon, Idalia was about 80 miles east-southeast of Cozumel, Mexico. The system had maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. The storm was moving east at 2 mph. "Idalia is moving toward the north near 2 mph, and it is likely to meander near the Yucatan Channel through tonight. A faster motion toward the north is expected on Monday, bringing the system over the eastern Gulf of Mexico," the NHC said. "Strengthening is forecast, and Idalia is expected to become a hurricane by Tuesday."

Earlier computer models showed Idalia tracking over the panhandle, but on Sunday the path had moved closer to Central Florida.

School Closures

Tropical Storm Idalia

At this time, the Department is monitoring the storm. Please continue to visit our website for updates. Also follow @EducationFL on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for up-to-the-minute Florida Department of Education storm updates.

K12 School Closures

- **Citrus County Schools** will have a half day schedule Monday, August 28, 2023 and will be closed Tuesday, August 29, 2023 and Wednesday, August 30, 2023.
- **Hernando County Schools** will be closed Monday, August 28, 2023 through Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

Widespread opposition shared with Committee studying consolidation of the circuit court system.

Earlier this summer, Supreme Court Justice Carlos Muniz appointed a committee to look at consolidation in the 20-circuit system. The action came in response to a request from House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. Florida Supreme Court Chief Judge Muniz issued an order June 30 appointing the committee after receiving a request from Renner.

The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee met Friday to take input on the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. The committee got an earful of opposition from prosecutors, public defenders, lawyers, retired court officials and others closely familiar with Florida's judicial system who expressed dire warnings about a proposed overhaul of the judicial system in Florida. Every person who testified opposed plans that could reduce Florida's judicial circuits from 20 to five.

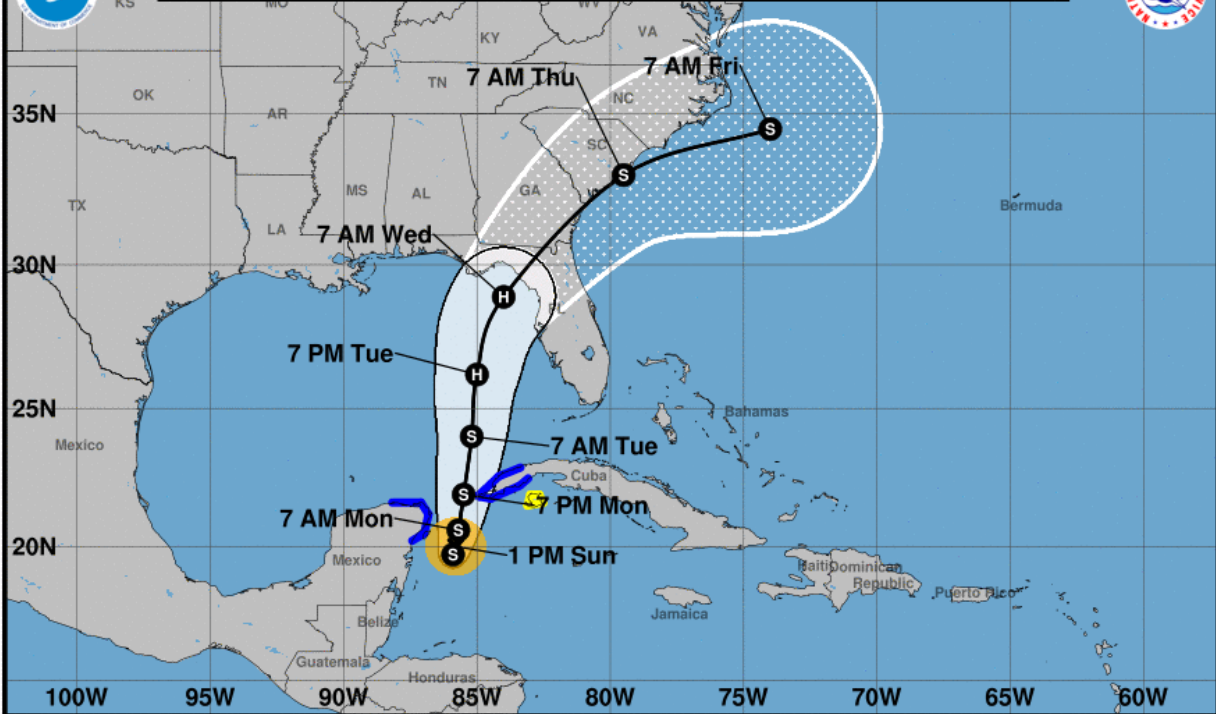
What happens now? The Court Study Committee will conduct additional meetings to determine what recommendations will be sent to the Supreme Court. If the court determines that there is a need to increase, decrease, or redefine judicial circuits, it must certify its findings and recommendations to the Legislature. Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.241 also sets out detailed factors for the court's consideration and gives an overarching instruction to "balance the potential impact and disruption caused by changes in judicial circuits...against the need to address circumstances that limit the quality and efficiency of, and public confidence in, the judicial process." Under the rule, before recommending a change in "judicial structure," the court must consider "less disruptive adjustments" to judicial branch operations.

Tropical Outlook

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



Note: The cone contains the probable path of the storm center but does not show the size of the storm. Hazardous conditions can occur outside of the cone.



Tropical Storm Idalia

Sunday August 27, 2023
 1 PM CDT Intermediate Advisory 4A
 NWS National Hurricane Center

Current information: x

Center location 20.0 N 85.8 W
 Maximum sustained wind 40 mph
 Movement N at 2 mph

Forecast positions:

● Tropical Cyclone ○ Post/Potential TC
 Sustained winds: D < 39 mph
 S 39-73 mph H 74-110 mph M > 110 mph

Potential track area:

Day 1-3 Day 4-5

Watches:

Hurricane Trop Stm

Warnings:

Hurricane Trop Stm

Current wind field estimate:

Hurricane Trop Stm

Headlines Around the State

NYTimes: In Iowa, a Voter Asks DeSantis: Why Should I Choose You Over Trump?

Bloomberg: Trump Allies Cheer Vivek Ramaswamy in Bid to Derail Ron DeSantis

NBC News: Biden advisers bristle at Newsom's plan to debate DeSantis

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis floats terror attack from Mexican border crosser

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rejects military service requirement for student loan borrowers

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis counts on shorter lifespans to help with senior entitlement crisis

Politico: DeSantis declares state of emergency ahead of approaching gulf storm

My News 13: Florida prepares for an expected tropical system

News4Jax: Much of Florida under state of emergency as possible tropical storm forms in Gulf of Mexico

Post: Emergency declared for 33 Florida counties as storm forecast to reach hurricane strength

Post: Tropical depression forms in Gulf, Hurricane Franklin may become major hurricane soon

The Floridian: Bilirakis Calls Red Tape Surrounding Passport Delays 'Ridiculous'

Post: New Palm Beach County center hoping to fight the 'virus' of antisemitism

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis claims not 'very many' of his 2022 re-election votes were illegal

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis 'would not legalize' marijuana amid worries about 'kids' and 'fentanyl'

FlaPol: Even after Oliver Anthony rebuke, Ron DeSantis still touts 'Rich Men North of Richmond'

Politico: DeSantis condemns 'racially motivated' shooting in Jacksonville that claimed three lives

News4Jax: White shooter kills 3 Black people in Florida hate crime as Washington celebrates King's dream

Times-Union: Dollar General shooting in Jacksonville racially motivated, 3 victims: What we know

FlaPol: Latest Jacksonville mass murder reveals familiar divides and tensions

Sun-Sentinel: 'Lots of smoke': FAU presidential search faces intense state scrutiny

Sentinel: Rally in Orlando calls harsh heat inside state-run prisons a 'crisis'

FlaPol: Ashley Moody boots up price gouging hotline ahead of likely tropical storm

WUSF: A new plan to armor Miami's coast against storms is in motion: This time, no giant wall

Times: Tampa's chief judge ran new courts dealing with guns, mental health

The Floridian: Florida Crystals and EAA Farmers Push Forward on Everglades Restoration Efforts

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.

About the Briefing!

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