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The Briefing for Thursday – August 31 - 2023

The last Briefing was Wednesday – August 30 – 2023

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

Initial Comments

1. Hoping all is well – even though I know it's not! Our friends in the Big Bend Area will continue assessing impacts and begin the long road to recovery!
2. To assist you I'm providing some links related to support and assistance.
3. And if you're interested and up for it – here's the Week 1 schedule for NCAA Football!

College Football 2023

[Here's the complete schedule for Week 1](#)

Florida Schools in Action

Tonight

Florida at Utah – Utes are without starting QB

Kent State at **UCF**

Friday

Miami of Ohio vs **University of Miami** – Am I seeing double? In name only.

Saturday

USF vs Western Kentucky

Monmouth vs FAU

Sunday Night

FSU vs LSU – two top 10 teams go at it!

Recovery efforts, restoring power and searching damaged properties

Conducting searches and helping residents has begun, however, the Recovery efforts, restoring power and searching damaged properties can be more time-consuming in sparsely populated rural areas.

Idalia came ashore about 7:45 a.m. in Taylor County's Keaton Beach area. About 75 miles southeast of Tallahassee as a Category 3 storm with sustained winds of 125 mph pushing sea waters up to 16 feet in some areas of the Gulf Coast.

- More than 500,000 utility customers had lost power during the storm, - Gov. Ron DeSantis said crews had restored power to about half of the 500,000 utility customers who lost electricity in various parts of the state.
- Initial reports indicated that Madison, Taylor, Suwannee, Dixie, Jefferson, and Lafayette County being 85 - 100 percent without electricity. See the link below tracking all county power outages.
- Duke Energy Florida, which serves many areas hit by Idalia, reported midday Wednesday that more than 64,000 customers did not have electricity.
- About 42,000 customers of municipal utilities had power outages as of noon. The Florida Municipal Electric Association said that service had been restored for about 52,000 others.
- Tampa Electric Co. reported that most of its 35,000 customers who lost power in Idalia were back online by the time the storm made landfall.
- Department of Transportation indicated that about 1,000 bridges were being inspected to make sure they are safe.

Tracking Power Outages

[Link to County by County Projection of Power Outages](#)

***Use the link above to track progress on restoring power to your county.
You can click on the link – scroll down and click on the name of your county.
Data is provided on daily basis***

Information sites

- **Executive Orders**
 - [Governor Desantis Issues EO-23-171 \(8/26/2023\)](#)
 - [FLHSMV Issues EO 082623 \(8/26/2023\)](#)
 - [EO-23-171 Amendment to EO 23-171 \(8/28/2023\)](#)
 - [Executive Order 23-175 Amendment to EO 23-171 \(8/29/2023\)](#)
- **State Assistance Information Line**
 - [☞ State Assistance Information Line: 1-800-342-3557](#)
- **Traffic**
 - [Florida 511](#) - Get up-to-the-minute, real-time traffic conditions and incident information for the State of Florida with Florida 511.
 - [Florida Highway Patrol](#) - Florida Highway Patrol Live Traffic Crash and Road Condition Report. Reports are updated every five minutes. Incidents located within city limits also may not show on the map since it is not common practice for FHP to work incidents inside city limits.
 - [Florida Traffic](#) - Traffic incidents and conditions from Florida 511 and Florida Highway Patrol brought to you by Florida State Emergency Response Team Geographic Information Systems.

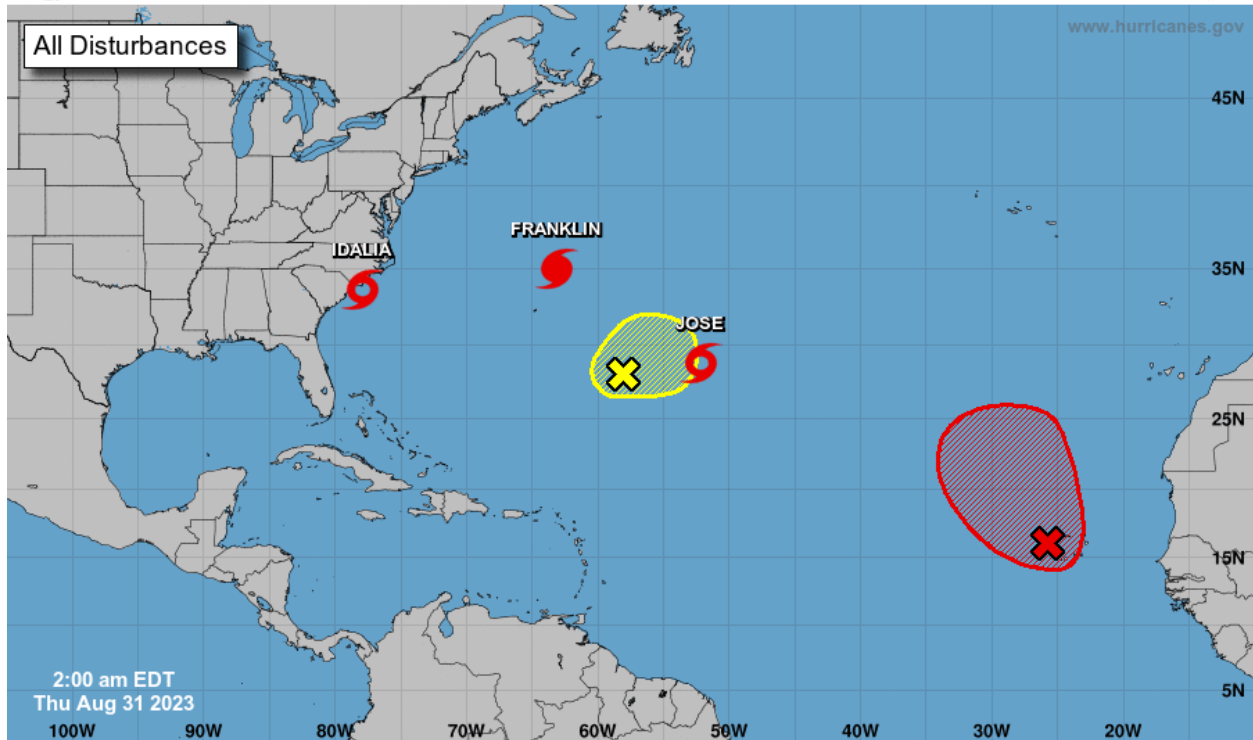
Tropical Outlook

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



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

Headline Around The State

Times: Biden says he and DeSantis working together on Idalia recovery efforts

FlaPol: Joe Biden says Ron DeSantis 'trusts' his 'judgement'

FlaPol: FEMA claims Ron DeSantis told Joe Biden 'all needs are met currently'

FlaPol: 'Not my concern': Ron DeSantis comments on Donald Trump silence on Hurricane Idalia

The Capitolist: Recovery begins in wake of Idalia

Herald: DeSantis wants lethal force at the border to stop fentanyl traffickers. Most are Americans

The Capitolist: Sen. Rick Scott calls for immediate disaster relief vote

FlaPol: Rick Scott says insurance 'way too expensive' for Florida homeowners

FlaPol: Florida will likely need federal relief after Idalia. But will any funding be there?

NBC Miami: After Idalia, will Florida policyholders see yet another surcharge or increase?

Sun-Sentinel: US Supreme Court to discuss Florida's social-media restrictions law

Herald: Rick Scott isn't sold on reauthorizing powerful foreign surveillance tool

The Floridian: Florida Legislators Cosponsor Bipartisan Honoring Our Fallen Heroes Act

Sentinel: Hurricane Idalia at ground zero leaves trail of damage

FlaPol: Power outages drop to 180,000 accounts in Florida as repairs continue after Hurricane Idalia

PNJ: Trump's \$50M Pensacola copyright lawsuit to be transferred to New York

News4Jax: Videos tell the story of how Hurricane Idalia is impacting Florida communities

Post: See Hurricane Idalia's path of destruction throughout Florida's Gulf Coast, panhandle

Times: Idalia pummels Florida's Big Bend: 'I've never seen the water so high'

WLRN: As Idalia strikes, thousands in Florida are still recovering from Hurricane Ian

WLRN: Ex-Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio sentencing delayed in Jan. 6 case

WLRN: Two jobs to pay for a bed: FAU students struggle to find affordable housing

WLRN: Next-generation building materials can keep South Florida homes cool and cut energy costs

DeSantis faces major test as governor — and 2024 candidate

CBS Miami: For DeSantis, Hurricane Idalia comes at a critical point in his campaign

FlaPol: Fox News probes Ron DeSantis' property insurance problem. How far will they go?

Times: Regulators are watching insurers' behavior during Idalia, DeSantis says

WLRN: Pro-choice activists across Florida work to put abortion rights on 2024 ballot

FlaPol: 'You loot, we shoot': Ron DeSantis reminds criminals of 2nd Amendment

AP: After Jacksonville shootings, historically Black colleges address security concerns, remain vigilant

News4Jax: 'It was frightening': Hurricane Idalia hits Florida with 125 mph winds, floods streets, snaps trees and cuts power

WLRN: Idalia weakens to a tropical storm after slamming Florida as a powerful hurricane

WLRN: Hurricane Idalia unleashes fury on Georgia and Florida, swamping the coast and closing highways

Democrat: Hurricane Idalia in Florida: A 'meteorological sneeze' separates fortune from utter ruin

Democrat: Gov. DeSantis sees upside to loss of historic oak, split in half by Hurricane Idalia

CBS Miami: A 100-year-old oak tree falls on the Florida governor's mansion, Casey DeSantis says

Herald: Tallahassee relatively unscathed in Idalia — but big oak fell at the Governor's Mansion

My News 13: Central Florida crews heading to areas of Florida hit hardest by Idalia

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis describes 'adrenaline rush' search and rescue teams get from saving lives

News4Jax: Mayor Deegan: Jacksonville was 'very, very fortunate' to avoid major impacts from Hurricane Idalia

Daily News: For SWFL, Idalia was no Ian as residents clean up after their latest hurricane encounter

News-Press: On Sanibel and Captiva, Idalia was nothing like Ian

Axios: Tampa Bay escapes major damage from Hurricane Idalia

Sentinel: Hurricane Idalia: Central Florida returning to normal as northern counties begin recovery

Ledger: Polk agencies dispatch help to communities flooded by Hurricane Idalia in North Florida

The Capitolist: Port of Tampa Bay dealing with flooding but landside operations uninterrupted

TCPalm: Indian River School Board votes to remove 33 more books from libraries

FlaPol: Back to the books: Majority of schools closed in advance of Idalia set to reopen
Today: West Shore, Edgewood rank among top 10 high schools in Florida: U.S. News and World Report

On the Docket Around the State

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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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 Representing District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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