



## ***The Briefing for August 3, 2024***

*The Last Briefing was August 2, 2024*

### *10 Day Local Weather Forecast*

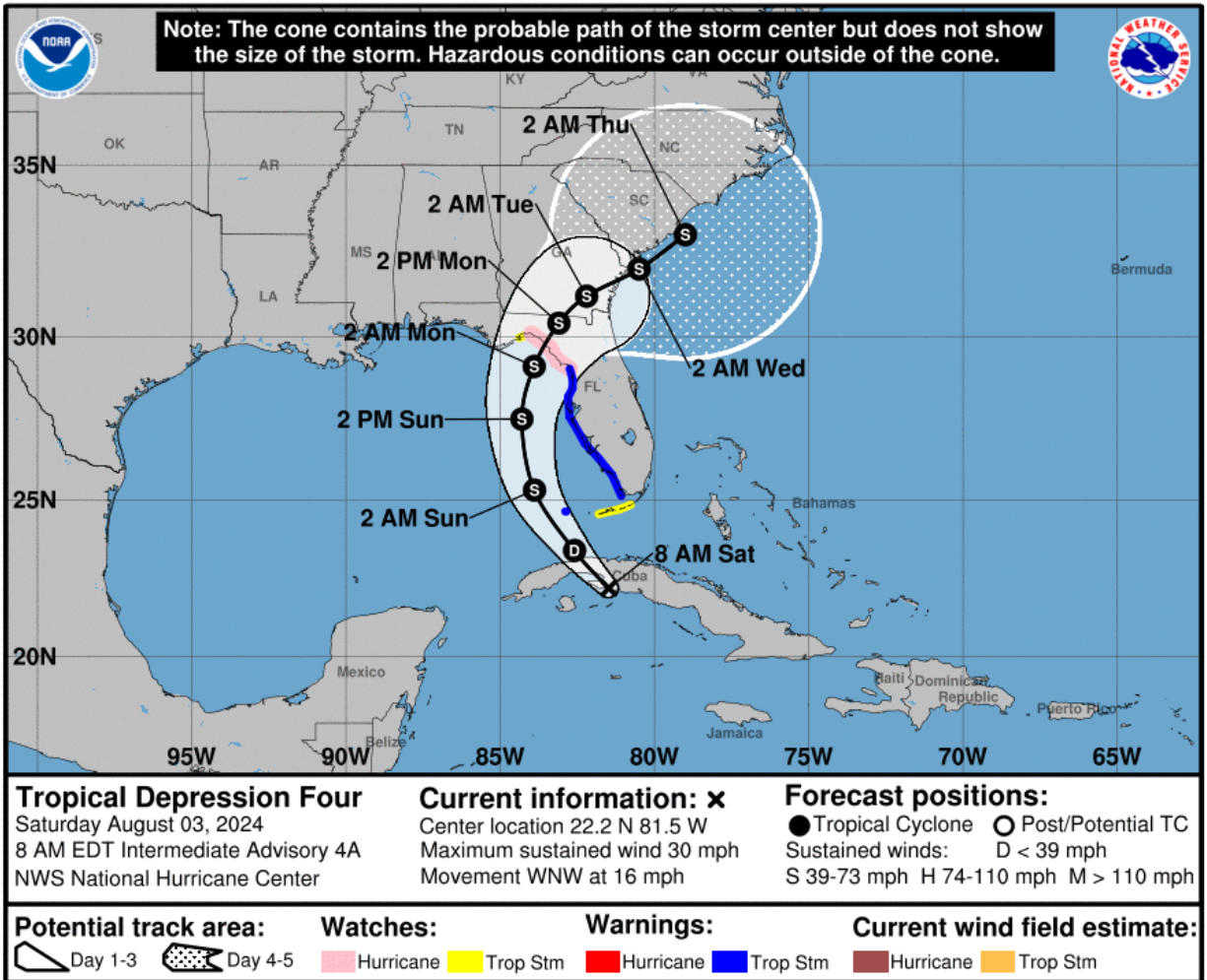
#### *All Eyes on the Tropics as 97L develops*

#### **Executive Order Declaring State of Emergency Related to Developing Tropical Storm**

A state of emergency has been declared by Governor DeSantis that includes 54 counties as a tropical wave with a high chance of strengthening into a more-threatening storm was on a path that could reach the state this weekend. The declaration was for Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton and Washington counties. Development of the system is expected to be slow but conditions are conducive for the storm to develop into a tropical depression and move into the eastern Gulf of Mexico this weekend or early next week.

#### **Tropical Outlook**

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



**Early Voting Begins this week for the Primary**

Early voting for the Aug. 20 primary elections will start in the coming week. Early voting will start in some counties as soon as Monday. Counties are required to offer in-person early voting from Aug. 10 through Aug. 17. Florida is a closed primary state, which means partisan races on the ballot will be limited to registered Republican or Democratic voters. But many races, such as for local positions and judicial seats, are non-partisan, allowing voters to cast ballots regardless of party affiliation

**Legislative Policy Platform Processes Underway!**

- The Florida Association of Counties has outlined a process for County Commissioners to propose issues for consideration. Deadline for policy submittal is August 9 - to submit a policy proposal go to this link - <https://flcounties.wufoo.com/forms/zon2c5v0l6c1nh/>
- The Florida School Boards Association are all engaging in legislative program development. **Proposals for the FSBA 2025 Legislative Platform are now open for submission.** All member districts are able to submit statewide issues for consideration on the final platform which drive FSBA's advocacy efforts throughout the year. We wanted to provide you all with the opportunity to begin discussing your district proposals now in anticipation of the **deadline to submit proposals which is Friday, September 6 at 5 pm ET.**

- [The FSBA proposal submission form](#) . Only items submitted via the link will be accepted to assist our team in compiling the information for the review committees.
- For your reference, you can access last year's final platform here: [LEGISLATIVE](#)

**The 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday continues through August 11**

<https://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx>

**When does school start in Florida for the 2024-2025 school year?**

[school-district-calendars.xlsx](#)

**School/District Grades for the 23-24**

To find out the grade for each school and district in the State go to the following link

- [Fldoe.org](http://fldoe.org).

**Headlines Around the State**

*Times: Florida Amendment 3 opposition to get millions from DeSantis megadonor*

*FlaPol: Ashley Moody defends controversial financial impact statement for abortion rights initiative*

*AP: Florida attorney pleads guilty to trying to detonate explosives near Chinese embassy in Washington*

*WLRN: Blood tests could speed up diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in South Florida*

*Times: 'We're not Ybor': Dunedin mulls controversial noise, outdoor dining ordinances*

*Times: Hillsborough commission must put school tax referendum on ballot, judge rules*

*FlaPol: Florida professors challenge changes to tenure as unconstitutional*

*FlaPol: SAVE Action PAC endorses 'strong advocate' John Barrow for Miami-Dade Sheriff*

*FlaPol: Debbie Mucarsel-Powell launches women's coalition*

*FlaPol: South Florida AFL-CIO endorses 'dedicated advocate' Joe Saunders for HD 106*

*FlaPol: 'I can really make a difference': Moises Benhabib targets affordability, investments in Florida with HD 115 bid*

*WaPo: Florida deputy killed and 2 officers wounded in ambush shooting, police say*

*NYTimes: Sheriff's Deputy Killed in Florida Shooting*

*NYTimes: Parts of Florida Under Hurricane Watch as Tropical Depression Moves Toward Gulf*

*Times: Tampa Bay under tropical storm warning after depression forms overnight*

*FlaPol: Tropical storm watch issued for Pinellas County*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis watchdog group targets Governor's hurricane handling in storm video*

*Sun-Sentinel: Private insurers approved to take more than 400,000 Citizens policies*

*Herald: New accusation revealed in murder-for-hire indictment tied to developer Sergio Pino*

*FlaPol: JEA chief sentenced to 4 years in prison for privatization scheme*

*FlaPol: State group health plan ban on trans care violates civil rights, Judge rules*

*FlaPol: Stolen valor or smear? Police union PAC says Sheriff candidate lied about Army service*

*Herald: Lawyer who wrote sadomasochistic novel is cutting ties with Miami State Attorney's Office*

### **On The Docket**

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024**

- INDIAN CASINOS - Monday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to Indian casinos. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD - Monday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Occupational Therapy will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766
- EASTERN COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Eastern Florida State College, Public Safety Institute, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne.
- PANHANDLE ISSUES - Monday, 11:30 a.m. The Emerald Coast Regional Council board will meet. The Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Dr., DeFuniak Springs.
- SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MONEY - Monday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, money. Location; 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024**

- REHABILITATION COUNCIL - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council will meet. Information at <https://www.rehabworks.org/frc/frc-events.html>
- RURAL AREAS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss “fiscally constrained” counties, which include many of the state’s rural areas. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- WATER QUALITY - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The state’s Biscayne Bay Commission will meet. Cutler Bay Town Hall, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Cutler Bay.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- TRUST FUNDS - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss “outlooks” for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and the State Opioid Settlement Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OPTOMETRY ISSUES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. Information at <https://floridasoptometry.gov/meeting-information/>
- LOTTERY REVENUES - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to the Florida Lottery. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TALLAHASSEE STATE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. The Tallahassee State College Board of Trustees will meet. Tallahassee State College, Hinson Administration Building, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.
- MILLS, LEEK AT FLAGLER EVENT - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. U.S. Rep. Cory Mills, R-Fla., state Rep. Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach, and Republican Party of Florida Chairman Evan Power are expected to take part in a Flagler County Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner. Flagler County Fairgrounds, 150 Sawgrass Road, Bunnell.

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024**

- FAMU TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a retreat. Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando.
- STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will discuss expenditures in the state employees’ health-insurance program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165

- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- SPACE INDUSTRY ISSUES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will hold a workshop. The Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables.
- FINANCIAL AID ON TABLE - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Education Estimating Conference will analyze student financial aid. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024**

- DEAF, HARD OF HEARING - Thursday, 8 a.m. The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. Information at <https://www.floridahealth.gov/provider-and-partner-resources/fccdhh/Meetings/index.html>
- FAMU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a retreat, followed by a regular board meeting. Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The state Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Naples Grande Beach Resort, 475 Seagate Dr., Naples.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ufyz7-HfRYGwGS63RKUFMA#/registration](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ufyz7-HfRYGwGS63RKUFMA#/registration)
- SPACE FLORIDA - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. The Biltmore Hotel, 1200 Anastasia Ave., Coral Gables. Call-in number: 1-855-758-1310. Meeting ID: 6277636389. Code: 567768
- GAMBLING REGULATORS - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- HISTORICAL ISSUES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Historical Commission will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://dosmyflorida.zoom.us/j/87999629102?pwd=GKbJzq4dFqaybCvHc6pZxLZTzm6I2H.1>. Meeting ID: 87999629102. Code: 261363
- SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will discuss enrollment in the state's school readiness program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will hold an organizational meeting. Valencia College, Osceola Campus, 1800 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee.
- VOLUNTARY PRE-K - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will analyze issues in the voluntary pre-kindergarten program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BEAN, RUTHERFORD AT GOP CLUB - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. Republican Congressmen Aaron Bean and John Rutherford are scheduled to speak during a luncheon meeting of the Republican Women's Club of Duval Federated. Deerwood Country Club, 10239 Golf Club. Dr., Jacksonville.
- HD 28 CANDIDATES DEBATE - Thursday, noon. The Tiger Bay Club of Volusia County will hold a debate in the race in House District 28. Candidates expected to participate are Democrat John Navarra, Republican Bill Partington and Libertarian Joe Hannoush. Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 South Beach St., Daytona Beach.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024**

- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a forecast for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando-Disney Springs Area, 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- CLINICAL LABORATORY BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. Information at <https://floridasclinicallabs.gov/meeting-information/>
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/miami-dade-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- COLLEGE ENROLLMENT - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in the Florida college system. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Aug. 2.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024**

- EARLY VOTING HELD STATEWIDE - - Counties are required to start holding early voting by Saturday in the Aug. 20 primary elections. Voting will start earlier in the week in some counties.
- SCOTT AT SUMTER GOP EVENT - Saturday, 7 p.m. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., U.S. Rep. Cory Mills, R-Fla., and state Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, are scheduled to take part in the Sumter County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner. Brownwood Hotel & Spa, 3003 Brownwood Blvd., The Villages.

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25**

*Activities listed involve local elected county commissioners, school board members and school superintendents.*

**2024**

- August 20 - Primary Election Day
- Sept. 18-19- FAC Policy Conference – Pensacola
- November 5 - General Election Day
- November 19 - Newly Elected local officials take office
- November 20-22 Rural Economic Development Summit
- December 3-6 - FSBA/FADSS - Winter Meeting – Tampa
- December 4 - Small County Coalition Legislative Meeting - Tampa
- December 5 - Small District Meeting – Tampa
- December 4-6 FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa

**2025**

- January-February - Legislative Committee Weeks
- February 2 - Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
- March 4 Regular Session Begins
- March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception
- March 19- FAC Day in the Legislature
- March 19 – 20 FSBA 38th Annual Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
- March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
- May 2 - Regular Session Ends
- June 11 – 13 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
- June 12 - Small School District Breakfast Meeting
- June 24-27 FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
- June 25 Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

***About the Briefing!***

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