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Governor Ron DeSantis Issues Updates on State Preparedness for Hurricane Ian

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — This evening, Governor Ron DeSantis issued updates on Hurricane Ian at the State Emergency Operations Center with Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie. Full remarks are available [here](#).

Ian made landfall earlier today in Cayo Costa with winds of 155 miles per hour, two miles per hour short of a Category 5 hurricane. Reports of major flooding and tornado-like damage are occurring in areas across the state. Ian will slowly move across central Florida before exiting tomorrow afternoon. Floridians should continue to take shelter indoors and heed local weather warnings.

Earlier today, [Governor DeSantis requested](#) a Major Disaster Declaration for all 67 counties and asked the federal government for 100% reimbursement up front for 60 days to ensure we can quickly move forward into response and recovery. Typically, this request is not made until disaster assessments have been made after the storm.

Current Watches and Warnings in Effect:

- **Hurricane Warnings:** Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry, Glades, Hardee, Desoto, Highlands, Okeechobee, Osceola, Polk, Lake, Orange, Seminole, Brevard, Volusia
- **Hurricane Watches:** Coastal Flagler, St. Johns, Duval, Nassau
- **Tropical Storm Warnings:** Mainland Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Levy, Dixie, Marion, Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, Clay, Duval, coastal Nassau, coastal Taylor, coastal Jefferson, coastal Wakulla, coastal Franklin
- **Tropical Storm Watches:** Inland Nassau, Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Gilchrist
- **Tornado Watches:** Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Manatee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Lucie
- **Storm Surge Warnings:** Nassau, Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Clay, Putnam, Levy, Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier
- **Storm Surge - Heights above ground**
 - Englewood to Bonita Beach, including Charlotte Harbor - **12-18 ft**
 - Middle of Longboat Key to Englewood - **6-10 ft**
 - Bonita Beach to Chokoloskee - **8-12 ft**
 - Chokoloskee to East Cape Sable - **5-8 ft**
 - Anclote River to Middle of Longboat Key, including Tampa Bay - **4-6 ft**
 - Flagler/Volusia County Line to Altamaha Sound - **4-6 ft**
 - Altamaha Sound to South Santee River - **3-5 ft**
 - Suwannee River to Anclote River - **3-5 ft**
 - St. Johns River north of Julington - **3-5 ft**
 - St. Johns River south of Julington - **2-4 ft**
 - East Cape Sable to Card Sound Bridge - **2-4 ft**
 - South Santee River to Little River Inlet - **2-4 ft**
 - Patrick Air Force Base to Flagler/Volusia County Line - **1-3 ft**
 - East of Little River Inlet to Cape Lookout - **1-3 ft**
 - Dry Tortugas and Florida Keys - **1-3 ft**

State preparation and response efforts include:

Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM)

- FDEM has compiled a Shelter in Place Survey to provide critical information to first responders during and after the anticipated landfall of

Hurricane Ian. We are asking all individuals in the impact area of Hurricane Ian that made the decision to shelter in place to complete the survey. Please visit FloridaDisaster.org/Info to find the Shelter in Place Survey.

- FDEM has activated the State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) to provide an additional resource for Floridians to receive up-to-date information regarding Hurricane Ian. Residents and visitors can call this toll-free hotline at **1-800-342-3557**.
- FDEM Liaisons have been identified and deployed to counties to provide on-site response assistance and to conduct damage assessments after the storm.
- At the direction of FDEM Director and State Coordinating Officer Kevin Guthrie, Incident Management Teams (IMT) from Ohio and Colorado are on-scene to ensure additional support for response and recovery efforts after the storm.
- FDEM is deploying several hundred shelter support staff to address staffing needs in counties that have opened their Special Needs hurricane shelters. Currently, more than 200 public shelters are open and available to impacted residents, with more than 50 of these being Special Needs Shelters.
- FDEM is leading the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) for the Hurricane Ian response, with more than 350 SERT members staffing the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
- FDEM has received more than 1,100 resource requests for Hurricane Ian and fulfilled. Over 900 of these requests are currently being processed and are either en route or being mobilized. This includes the coordination of resources such as: trucks of food and water, generators and water pumps.
- FDEM has loaded 360 trailers with over 3.5 million meals and over 1.8 million gallons of bottled water in preparation for distribution to impacted areas.
- Several hundred generators and pumps, in addition to debris equipment, have been staged for response and recovery efforts.
- 100,000 tarps to protect homes and allow more residents to stay at home rather than in a public shelter.
- Five Florida Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Teams are activated and will be prepared to deploy to impacted areas. Federal USAR Teams from Virginia, Texas, Ohio and Indiana are on-scene and stand ready to assist in response and recovery efforts.
 - FDEM is currently coordinating the provision of meals for first responders staged in Orange County.
- FDEM is in constant communication with all 67 county emergency management offices and state agencies to coordinate protective actions and needed resources ahead of potential storm impacts.

- FDEM is coordinating with utilities to ensure crews are prepared to respond and restore power. As of 3 p.m., the Division has received reports of 756,450 outages due to Hurricane Ian. Utility providers have more than 42,000 linemen staged and prepared for power restoration efforts as soon as conditions are safe to do so.

Florida National Guard

- A total of 5,000 Florida Guardsmen are being activated to State Active Duty and pre-positioned at armories across the state for Tropical Storm Ian response operations. Up to 2,000 Guardsmen from Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina are also being activated to assist.
- In addition, the Florida Guard has mobilized and is on standby with five Route Clearance Teams and aviation assets.
- The Florida National Guard is well-equipped, with assets including high-wheeled vehicles, helicopters, boats, generators and more.
- Ten rotary wing assets positioned to respond immediately after the storm makes landfall including three CH-47 Chinook helicopters. The number of aircraft available is expected to increase to support operations in the next 24 hours, to include several from other states, as well as other assets available from Department of Defense agencies.

Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)

- FDLE regional support and logistics teams throughout the state are preparing to deploy personnel and equipment for a ready response to the aftermath of the storm. FDLE has started pre-staging equipment and mobile command posts at strategic locations. Teams with chainsaws, tarps, and other supplies are assembling.

Florida Department of Health (DOH)

- The State Surgeon General signed Emergency Order 22-004 authorizing licensed health care professionals in good standing from out of state to practice in Florida for the duration of the EO. These professionals include: Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Physician Assistants, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Paramedics, and Emergency Medical Technicians. In addition, the following licensed health care professionals are authorized to practice in Florida via

- Telehealth: Physicians, Osteopathic Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Advanced Practice Nurses. The EO can be found [here](#).
- DOH and Agency for Health Care Administration have initiated Patient Movement Mission to support medical transport and evacuations of health care facilities.
 - This mission is evacuating 15 hospitals in areas of anticipated landfall. DOH continues to assess and support any additional necessary evacuations.
 - This mission also supports the evacuation of over 100 health care facilities.
 - Over 400 ambulances, paratransit busses, and support vehicles are responding to areas of Ian's path.
 - DOH has prepared for Special Needs Shelter operations to begin in areas of Ian's path. A [press release](#) has been deployed statewide for additional information on special needs shelters.
 - The State Surgeon General has signed Emergency Order 22-001 waiving statutory procurement requirements to ensure DOH is able to deploy necessary action due to Hurricane Ian. This can be found [here](#).
 - The State Surgeon General has signed a letter to allow staff of the Department and Agency for Health Care Administration to travel past curfews across state lines to conduct any necessary health and safety actions.
 - DOH has coordinated with the Office of Insurance Regulation to distribute an alert regarding permitted early prescription refills during a State of Emergency. This alert was sent to health insurers, managed care organizations, health entities, and licensed health care providers. The alert can be found [here](#).
 - DOH has coordinated with Federal partners to support the deployment of nearly 100 individuals through various health and medical teams. These teams stand ready in Orlando, Atlanta, and Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia.
 - DOH continues to coordinate across 67 county health departments on any necessary preparation resources, in coordination with county emergency managers.

Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)

- AHCA has activated reporting in the Health Facility Reporting System (HFRS) and is requesting all health care providers report their census, available beds, evacuation status and generator status information. This information allows AHCA to assist health care providers in transferring

patients if needed and ensure health care providers in impacted areas have the necessary resources and adequate power.

- Patient Movement Mission (DOH 4052) is activated. This mission is a combined effort by AHCA along with FHA, FHCA, LeadingAge, Florida Senior Living and Florida Assisted Living Associations.
- This mission also supports the evacuation of nearly 8,000 patients and residents from more than 180 health care facilities.
- AHCA sent a Medicaid Provider Alert outlining Key Medicaid Information for Fee-For-Service and Managed Care Providers during Hurricane Ian, this can be found [here](#).
- AHCA has activated the Emergency Patient Look-Up System (E-PLUS). Special needs shelters for 16 counties are able to utilize the system to retrieve patient medical records. E-PLUS is also available to assist medical providers and emergency response personnel with locating missing or displaced persons after the storm.
- 84.25% of all facilities have reported into the Health Facility Reporting System.
- AHCA has completed 355 onsite visits in Nursing Homes and ALFs that were previously identified as out of compliance with generator requirements.
- AHCA has identified Home Medical Equipment providers that can assist with supplying oxygen supplies to Special Needs Shelters.
- AHCA partnered with Florida Health Care Association and Florida Hospital Association to initiate statewide calls with long term care facilities and hospitals.
- 100% of operating long-term care facilities have a generator on-site. The Generator Status Map for long-term care facilities is available [here](#).

Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD)

- APD is tracking 100 APD-licensed group homes which have evacuated to ensure client safety from Hurricane Ian. APD will provide necessary guidance for reentry when it is appropriate to do so.

Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF)

- DCF's federal waiver request to release SNAP benefits early in preparation for Hurricane Ian was approved, and food assistance benefits were released on September 27 to Floridians that may be impacted by Hurricane Ian. More information here: [ACCESS Florida - Florida Department of Children and Families \(myflfamilies.com\)](#)

- 33 licensed group homes have been evacuated across the state.
- DCF is maintaining contact with contracted partners, including, Managing Entities, Community Based Care lead agencies, and child-care providers to ensure Florida's communities remain apprised of all storm updates.
- DCF is ensuring all Mental Health Treatment Facilities and methadone treatment programs are prepared for the storm.

Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA)

- DOEA service providers around the state are in progress or have completed check-in and informational calls to their senior clients.
- Area Agencies on Aging that are expected to be impacted by Hurricane Ian have been distributing shelf-stable meals to their home delivery meal clients.
- The Department of Economic Opportunity released emergency funds for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program that will allow the Department of Elder Affairs providers to assist low-income seniors with a variety of expenses, including reestablishing electricity, assisting with transportation costs, and more.
- Area Agencies on Aging in the affected areas are coordinating with other agencies to answer local Elder Helpline calls during power outages (1-800-96-ELDER).

Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA)

- Veterans enrolled in VA Health Care in need of routine or urgent care services in the projected path of the storm can contact VA Health Connect, also known as the VISN 8 Clinical Contact Center, at 1-877-741-3400.
- The Bay Pines VA Healthcare System will close the following locations for in person and procedure appointments:
 - C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center: Monday, September 26 through Thursday, September 29. This closure extends to the Emergency Department.
 - North Pinellas and St. Petersburg VA Clinics: Wednesday, September 28 and Thursday, September 29.
 - Sarasota, Bradenton, and Port Charlotte VA Clinics: Wednesday, September 28.

Florida Department of Education (DOE)

- Early Learning Coalitions have closed in the following counties: Bradford, Baker, Brevard, Broward, Citrus, Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hardee, Highlands, Hendry, Hernando, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Levy, Martin, Manatee, Marion, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Putnam, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Volusia.
- The Florida Department of Education is consistently updating their [website](#) with school district closures, as well as State University System and Florida College System Closures.
- As of 5 p.m. closures have been announced in 59 school districts, 24 Florida College System institutions and 11 State Universities. For a full list of closures, visit fldoe.org/storminfo.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

- Current conditions are highly hazardous. Floridians should stay indoors and stay off the roads until it is confirmed safe to travel.
- FDOT has bridge inspectors staged and ready to inspect bridges as soon as it is safe to do so. Note: For safety, bridges must be inspected in daylight.
- FDOT Cut and Toss Crews are staged and ready to begin clearing the path for first responders as soon as it is safe to do so.

Bridges

- Bridges have been closed in Central Florida. The complete list of closures includes:
 - Manatee County
 - Bridge at S.R. 64 / Manatee Ave East
 - Cortez Bridge
 - Sarasota County
 - John Ringling Causeway
 - Pinellas County
 - Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Tolls

- Tolls have now been suspended on roadways in Central Florida. The complete list of toll facilities include:
 - SR 91 Turnpike Mainline from Osceola Parkway (MP249) north to I-75
 - SR 417 – Southern Connector Extension, Central Florida Greenway and Seminole Expressway
 - SR429 – Western Beltway
 - SR429 – Wekiva Parkway
 - SR408 – Holland East-West Expressway
 - SR528 – Beachline Expressway
 - SR414 – John Land Apopka Expressway
 - SR538 – Poinciana Parkway
 - SR453
 - SR551 – Goldenrod Road Extension
 - I-4 Express
 - Polk Parkway in Polk County
 - Suncoast Parkway in Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus County
 - Veterans Expressway, the I-4 Connector, and the Selmon Expressway in Hillsborough County
 - Pinellas Bayway and Sunshine Skyway Bridge in Pinellas County
 - Alligator Alley in Collier and Broward Counties

- Updated toll suspension information, including those west coast roadways whose tolls have already been suspended, can be found at fdot.gov/lanTollSuspension

Ports

- All ports currently have adequate fuel supplies and are staging appropriate measures to be well-positioned after the storm in order to quickly reinstate operations and keep fuel supplies moving.
 - Ports that are currently closed: Port Tampa Bay, Port of St. Petersburg Seaport Manatee, Port of Fort Pierce, Port of Palm Beach, and Port of Key West, Port Canaveral.
 - Ports that are open while preparing for storm impacts: Port Everglades, PortMiami, Port Fernandina, JAXPORT (closure expected Wednesday), Port of Pensacola (with restrictions), Port Panama City, and Port St. Joe

Airports

- Current status is listed below. While some facilities have scheduled closures, individual airlines may decide to cease flights earlier than that.
 - Tampa International Airport will suspend operations at 5pm Tuesday September 27 and will not reopen before Friday, September 30
 - St.Pete/Clearwater International Airport will close at 2pm Tuesday September 27
 - Sarasota Bradenton International Airport- Airport will close 8pm local Tuesday September 27 through 8pm Thursday September 29
 - Southwest Florida International Airport - All flight operations are cancelled at Southwest Florida International Airport for Wednesday, September 28. Many flights have also been cancelled for Thursday.
 - Tallahassee International Airport- Currently open and continuing storm preparations
 - Pensacola International Airport- Currently open and continuing storm preparations
 - Punta Gorda Airport- Currently open and continuing storm preparations
 - Orlando International Airport- Closing Wednesday, September 28 at 10:30 am
 - Orlando Sanford International Airport- Passenger terminal closing at 5pm. Airport Facility closing at 11PM. Flights on Wednesday and Thursday are cancelled

Transit and Rail

- HART suspended all transit service
- HART, Pasco, and LeeTRAN suspended fares
- Transit agencies focused on life-sustaining trips
- Amtrak service cancelled south of Jax September 27-29
- Regional Rail (Florida Central, Florida Midland, Florida Northern and Port Manatee Railroads) will shut down operations beginning today, September 27 at midnight.

Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV)

- The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is prepared to escort large convoys of utility and initial response crews into impacted areas as soon as weather allows.
- FHP is continuing to fulfill missions as they are received, such as critical response team escorts, traffic control, bridge closures, and requests for high water vehicles.
- FHP is assisting FDOT with bridge closures across impacted areas, including the Sunshine Skyway Bridge.
- FHP is placing Troopers at open service plazas on the Florida Turnpike to support motorists.
- FHP completed an escort of volunteer shelter workers convoying from out of state to Pinellas County to support sheltering efforts in Florida due to Hurricane Ian.
- FHP has deployed a mobile command center to the State Emergency operations Center to provide enhanced communication capabilities and additional resources.
- More than 1,700 sworn FHP members are ready to assist with enhanced evacuation and response efforts.
- FHP has activated 12-hour Alpha, Bravo shifts for more than 500 Troopers across Florida gulf coast.
- FHP has placed 330 Quick Reactionary Force troopers on standby, ready to move into affected areas quickly to provide immediate relief.
- FHP has strategically staged high-water rescue vehicles to aid search and rescue and damage assessment efforts.
- FHP has strategically staged its fixed-wing aircraft to monitor traffic routes and to aid search and rescue and damage assessment efforts.
- FHP has placed its unmanned aerial vehicle teams on standby to assist in search and rescue and damage assessment efforts.
- FHP Regional Communications Centers are preparing to perform take-over services for other impacted FHP dispatch centers to ensure all state law enforcement officers continue to receive dispatch services.
- FHP is providing liaisons to affected county emergency operations centers.
- FHP encourages evacuating motorists to report disabled vehicles or dangerous driving conditions to *FHP (*347).
- FLHSMV driver license and motor vehicle service center closures can be found [here](#).
- FLHSMV has issued Emergency Order [092422](#), which:
 - Waives specific requirements for commercial motor vehicles providing emergency relief; and
 - Waives the replacement fees for driver's license and identification credentials, vehicle registrations and titles, vessel

registrations and titles and temporary parking permits for impacted individuals.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

- 25 FWC officers from the Northwest Region are standing by to augment the first wave of response units, with additional four-wheel drive vehicles, vessels, UTVs, ATVs and other equipment.
- 81 FWC officers and 2 vehicle and vessel mechanics are prepared to deploy following the storm's passing, anticipated Thursday morning.
- 15 FWC Special Operations Group officers from the Northwest Region are staged in Orlando with Urban Search and Rescue Teams for pre-landfall briefings and preparation for immediate insertion into the affected area following the storm's passing.
- The FWC will be deploying 1 mobile command trailer and 3 BERG units to provide communications and operational support in the event lodging, power and water may not be available to responding units.
- FWC officers in all 67 Florida counties are on heightened alert status, in anticipation of strong winds, heavy rains and flooding because of Hurricane Ian.
- FWC Special Operations Group (SOG) teams will serve as reconnaissance units for the State EOC and report back on damage after the storm has made landfall.
- FWC Aviation Section has readied all appropriate aircraft for deployment for EOC aerial assistance, reconnaissance, and post-storm damage assessments.

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

- DEO has activated the private sector hotline at 850-815-4925 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Inquiries may also be emailed to [**ESF18@em.myflorida.com**](mailto:ESF18@em.myflorida.com).
- DEO is working with its private-sector partners to provide updates at [**FloridaDisaster.biz/CurrentDisasterUpdates**](https://FloridaDisaster.biz/CurrentDisasterUpdates) related to supply chain concerns, inventory storages of emergency supplies, and general concerns and priorities of the business community.
- Partners including Walmart and Publix have indicated that they are constantly bringing additional supplies into the state to restock inventory.
- Publix has delivered more than 700 truckloads of water equal to almost a million cases, delivered more than 3 million pounds of ice, and is

storing double store's normal volumes. Prior to closing stores impacted by the storm, Publix donated perishable products to local police, firefighters, and emergency response teams, and also ensured that associates that work nearby and prepare these stores for the storm received donated product for themselves and their families. Publix associates have diligently taken care of their customers, communities, and each other.

- AT&T is waiving talk, text, and data overage charges for AT&T Postpaid & PREPAID customers with billing addresses in 828 zip codes across Florida from September 28, 2022, through October 28, 2022, to keep customers connected before, during and after any major storm event.
- Rosen Hotels and Resorts is activating their Florida Residents Distressed Rates to give Floridians a safe, affordable place to ride out Hurricane Ian. Evacuees can call 866-33-ROSEN (76736) to reserve a room.
- VISIT Florida has activated the Emergency Accommodations Portal at [Expedia.com/Florida](https://www.expedia.com/Florida), which is updated with the latest on available listings.
- Comcast has opened Xfinity WiFi hotspots in Central, North and Southwest Florida, and the Panhandle for Xfinity customers and non-customers to stay connected during and after the storm. Details are available at [Florida.Comcast.com/2022/09/27/comcast-opens-free-xfinity-wifi-hotspot-network-as-hurricane-ian-approaches/](https://www.florida.comcast.com/2022/09/27/comcast-opens-free-xfinity-wifi-hotspot-network-as-hurricane-ian-approaches/).
- Lowe's continues to have stores open in counties not directly impacted by Hurricane Ian to receive storm and recovery-related products, such as generators, water, gas cans, sand, plywood, batteries, flashlights, and other materials. Additionally, 30 fuel trucks are staged at Lowes store locations for re-entry after the storm. Lowe's is leveraging its vast supply chain network to bring much needed response product into the state.
- The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association is getting the word out to lodging establishments to relax their pet policies and to share that there are still available hotels and other lodging available from Tallahassee to Pensacola and Palm Beach, Broward and Dade.
- Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) is in regular communication with seaport, rail, airport, fuel, and power providers to coordinate between public and private sector partners ensuring that assistance, goods, and services during and after the storm are being delivered.
- As families evacuate and create their emergency plans ahead of Hurricane Ian, UHaul is offering 30 days of free storage and U-Box container usage at 43 Florida locations. Find additional information at www.uhaul.com/about/ listed under "Top Stories."
- Private-sector partner, Uber, is offering round-trip rides to and from Southwest Florida shelter locations in Orange, Brevard, Seminole,

Volusia, and Osceola counties listed at www.FloridaDisaster.org/PlanPrepare/Shelters. Riders can enter promotional code IANRELIEF in the app to redeem a free round-trip up to \$30 each way. Rides must be requested to or from any state-approved evacuation shelter in Florida.

- DEO is updating www.FloridaDisaster.biz with real-time information for business owners to prepare their businesses, families, and employees for Hurricane Ian.
- DEO has alerted the statewide Community Action Agency (CAA) Network to initiate disaster preparedness activities following the Emergency Order.
- DEO's Secretary Dane Eagle distributed a memo on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, releasing \$1.4 million in Low-Income Home Energy Assistant Program (LIHEAP) set-aside emergency funding for use by LIHEAP providers across the state to support preparedness activities such as transportation and temporary housing to preserve health and safety.
- DEO's Rebuild Florida team continues to monitor Hurricane Ian and is preparing to remobilize their disaster recovery efforts following a safe passage after the storm.
- Career centers in the following counties may experience temporary closures following county closure announcements:
 - CareerSource Gulf Coast
 - CareerSource North Florida
 - CareerSource Florida Crown
 - CareerSource Northeast Florida
 - CareerSource North Central Florida
 - CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion
 - CareerSource Flagler Volusia
 - CareerSource Central Florida
 - CareerSource Brevard
 - CareerSource Pinellas
 - CareerSource Tampa Bay
 - CareerSource Pasco Hernando
 - CareerSource Polk
 - CareerSource Suncoast
 - CareerSource Heartland
 - CareerSource Research Coast
 - CareerSource Palm Beach County
 - CareerSource Broward
 - CareerSource South Florida
 - CareerSource Southwest Florida

VISIT FLORIDA

- VISIT FLORIDA has activated its [Emergency Accommodations Module](#) on Expedia to provide real-time hotel availability and lodging resources for impacted Floridians and visitors.
- VISIT FLORIDA is working with expedia and their partners to encourage flexible pet policies and cancellation/change fees.

Florida Housing Finance Corporation (Florida Housing)

- Florida Housing has ensured that all current listings are up to date in the event that families need to quickly relocate at www.FloridaHousingSearch.org.
- Each SHIP office has an adopted disaster strategy that allows for assistance in the immediate aftermath of a declared disaster. Strategies may include temporary relocation and rental assistance, debris removal and short-term repairs to prevent further damage to the structure or to allow for occupancy until further repairs are made. Please contact your local office directly for more information: [Local Government Information \(floridahousing.org\)](#)

Florida Lottery

- The Lottery's Gainesville and Jacksonville District Offices will be closed to employees and the public beginning Thursday, September 29 until further notice.
- The Lottery's Tampa, Fort Myers, Orlando, Miami, and West Palm Beach District Offices also remain closed to employees and the public until further notice.
- Players are encouraged to visit www.flalottery.com for the most up-to-date information regarding Lottery office closures.

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR)

- DBPR [Emergency Order 2022-01](#) extends the renewal deadline from September 30 or October 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022, for the following licenses:

- Real Estate: Sales Associates, Broker Sales Associates, Brokers, Corporate Brokers, Partnerships, and Corporations and Branch Offices;
- Alcoholic Beverages: Retail Vendors, Distributors, Manufacturers, Importers, Brokers, Sales Agents, and Passenger Common Carriers;
- Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics: Prescription Drug Wholesalers, Prescription Drug Wholesaler – Broker Only, Out-of-State Prescription Drug Wholesalers, and All Other DDC Licenses;
- Hotels and Restaurants: Public Lodging Establishments, Vacation Rentals, Timeshare Projects, and Public Food Service Establishments; and
- Community Association Managers.
- Licenses renewed on or before October 31, 2022 shall be considered as timely renewals and will not be assessed any late fees.
- DBPR Emergency Order 2022-01 also extends the deadline for the filing of monthly reports and returns by certain alcoholic beverage and tobacco license holders from October 10, 2022, to October 31, 2022. Additionally, the order suspends and tolls through October 31, 2022, all final orders reflecting final agency action and all time requirements and deadlines for filing responses outlined in agency orders.
- DBPR Board Meeting cancellations and other updates can be found at <http://myfloridalicense.com/emergency>.
- DBPR's Division of Drugs, Devices and Cosmetics is coordinating with wholesale distributors of prescription drugs and medical gases to provide information and support relating to exceptions for the emergency distribution of these critical supplies where needed.

Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR)

- OIR issued Emergency Order 300997-22-EO in response to Hurricane Ian regarding the extension of grace periods, limitations on cancellations and nonrenewals, deemers and limitations on "use and file" filings. This Emergency Order is issued to protect the public health, safety and welfare of all Florida policyholders.
- OIR instituted a data call for the purpose of collecting catastrophe claims data related to Hurricane Ian. OIR is requiring daily catastrophe claims reporting for Hurricane Ian starting Friday, September 30 to assist with determining the impact of Hurricane Ian on Florida's insurance industry. More information regarding catastrophe claims data and reporting is available [here](#).

Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

- Following the issuance of the Governor's Executive Order, DEP issued an [Emergency Final Order](#) waiving permitting requirements for the storage and processing of solid waste, including storm debris.
- DEP has also issued an [Emergency Final Order](#) to expedite necessary repair, replacement and restoration of structures, equipment, surface water management systems, works and other systems damaged by the storm.
- Inspectors completed pre-storm beach surveys in all shoreline counties.
- Hazardous Area Response Teams are preparing for potential assessment and deployment to impacted areas.
- All significant Hazardous Waste facilities within the affected counties have been contacted to ensure all pre-storm landfall preparations are being made.
- Florida state park closures can be found at www.floridastateparks.org/StormUpdates.
- Visitors with existing camping and cabin reservations at impacted parks will be notified of their reservation status.
- WaterTracker is active, DEP's online portal for wastewater and drinking water facilities to report their operational status.

Florida Department of Management Services (DMS)

- The Telecommunications Division is working with telecom partners to ensure that the state's communications networks have redundancies and remain operations for first responders to respond to Floridians during the storm.
- An updated list of state building closures can be found [here](#) and a news release can be found [here](#). Florida DMS Emergency Information Hotline is 888-336-7345 and has been updated with these closures.

Florida Department of Revenue (DOR)

- Florida's temporary licensing program, which allows exporters, petroleum carriers, and importers to request a temporary license during a disaster or declared state of emergency, has been activated. Applicants are not required to submit a fee, secure bonding, or undergo a background check if they apply for and receive a temporary license.
- Following the issuance of the Governor's Executive Orders, DOR issued [Emergency Order 22-001](#) to allow up to 14 days for local taxing

authorities to reschedule or postpone final millage and budget hearings. Additionally, DOR Emergency Order 22-001 authorizes county tax collectors to accept September 30 installment payments with applicable discounts from property taxpayers through October 14, 2022.

Office of Financial Regulation (OFR)

- OFR created an [emergency resources webpage](#) with helpful information for Floridians, including resource lists for businesses and individuals to contact their financial services providers.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

- DJJ facilities in the projected impacted areas have generators in the event of loss of power, and ensured food, medicine, and emergency supplies are stocked and ready.

Florida Department of Corrections (FDC)

- FDC's emergency operations center is operating 24-hours a day and keeping in constant contact with the state EOC and every facility statewide.
- All inmates housed in facilities impacted by Hurricane Ian are safe, secure and have ample food and water supplies. All institutions have back-up power generators in the event commercial power is lost.

Enterprise Florida Inc. (EFI)

- Enterprise Florida activated its [Disaster Assistance page](#) with a list of state and federal resources available for businesses to utilize in their mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

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