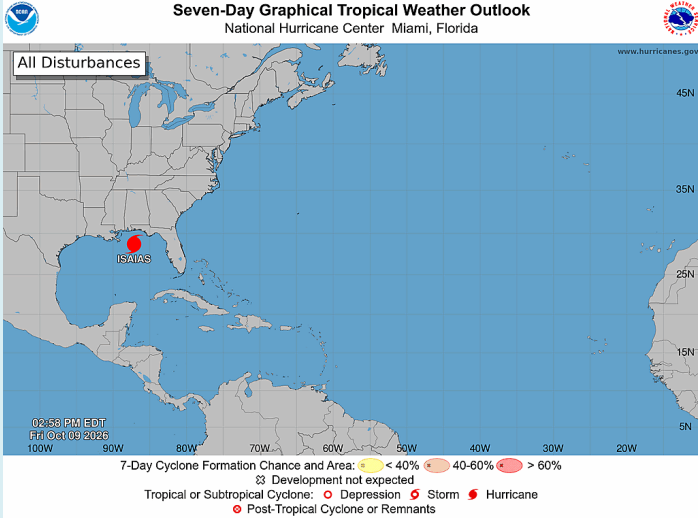
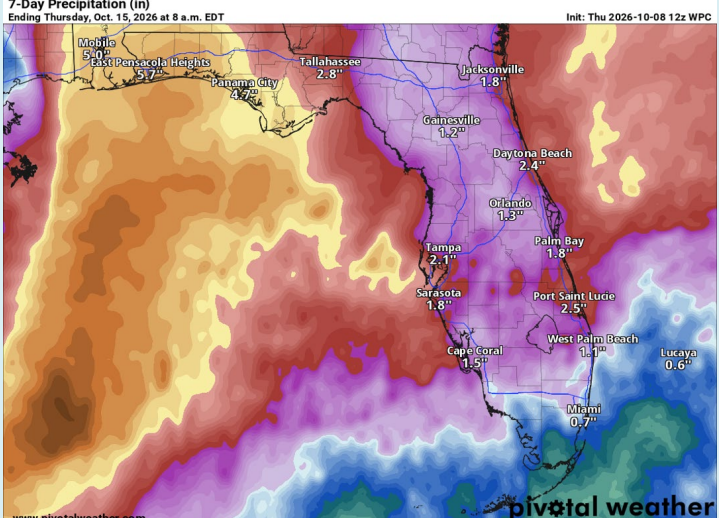
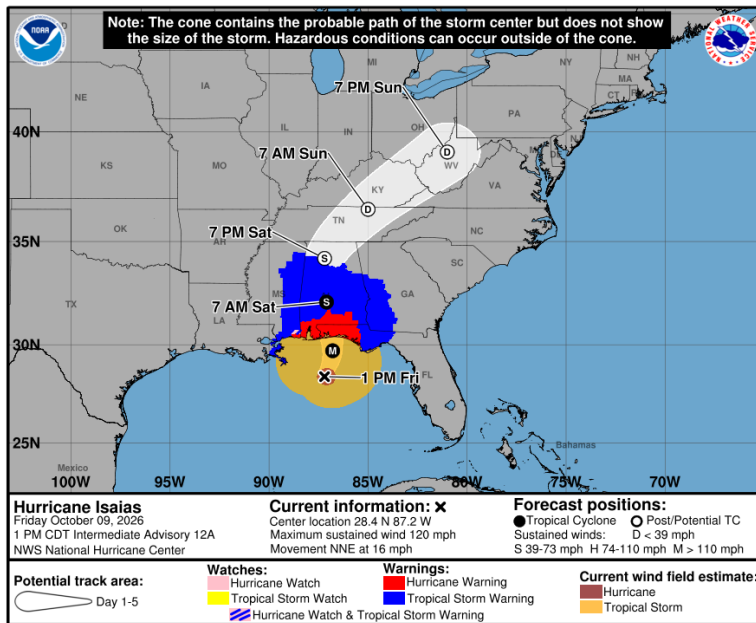


...Major Hurricane Isaias Makes Landfall Tonight... Flash Flooding, Coastal Flooding, Strong Winds, and Tornadoes Greatest Threats Tonight through Saturday... Extreme Heat Across the Peninsula.... Dangerous Marine Conditions for Panhandle and Northeast Florida...

Friday, October 9, 2026					5-Day Statewide Weather Outlook				
Regions 1, 2, and 3 (Florida Panhandle and Big Bend)									
No Threat		Low Threat		Moderate Threat			High Threat		
Day	Lightning	Hail	Damaging Wind	Tornado	Flood Hazards	Extreme Heat	Fog (Overnight)	Wildfire	Rip Currents
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 Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida All Disturbances 02:58 PM EDT Fri Oct 09 2026 7-Day Cyclone Formation Chance and Area: < 40% 40-60% > 60% 3 Development not expected Tropical or Subtropical Cyclone: Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants					 7-Day Precipitation (in) Ending Thursday, Oct. 15, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT Init: Thu 2026-10-08 12z WPC www.pivotalweather.com				
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Forecast Overview:

Major Hurricane Isaias will be the primary weather concern in this package as the storm continues its north-to-northeastward trajectory across the Northern Gulf, with a landfall expected late Friday night along the Western Florida Panhandle. **Hurricane force winds** are expected in this region, and **tropical storm conditions** will be felt across the remainder of the Florida Panhandle. As of Friday afternoon, Isaias has maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. The storm may be reaching its peak intensity as increasing wind shear will cause a lull in intensification and perhaps some weakening. Regardless of whether the weakening happens or not, significant impacts of **destructive winds, storm surge, heavy rainfall, and tornadoes are expected** across the Panhandle, with impacts extending well outside the center.

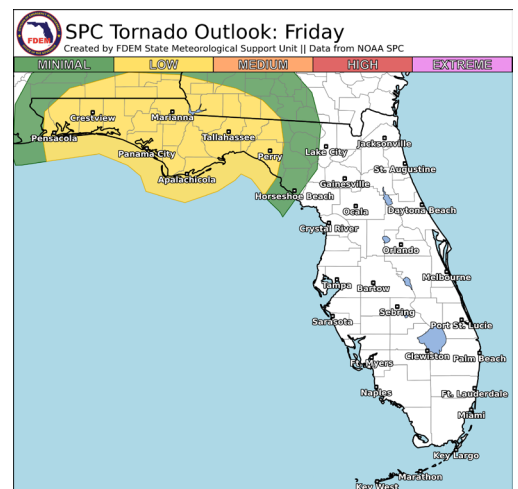
Across the Peninsula, deep tropical moisture will support scattered to numerous

showers and thunderstorms through the weekend, with locally heavy downpours and gusty winds possible. While the greatest rainfall and flash flooding threat is expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend, where we have a **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding**, isolated instances of flash flooding cannot be ruled out over the Peninsula on Saturday as Isaias tracks northward. **Coastal Flooding** concerns will also continue to be an issue, particularly along the Panhandle and Upper Gulf Coast where **Storm Surges of 4-8 ft** and elevated water levels are expected. **High Risk for Life-Threatening Rip Currents** will remain along portions of the Atlantic and Gulf beaches this weekend. By early next week, Isaias will move away from the region as high pressure builds over Florida, allowing drier air to filter into the state and bring an end to the unsettled weather pattern. Rain chances will decrease considerably by Monday and Tuesday, although isolated showers may persist across Southwest Florida. High temperatures will reach the upper 80s and lower 90s, with **heat indices exceeding 100 degrees** for many days until Monday. More comfortable conditions are expected early next week as dewpoints fall into the 60s across portions of the state.

Severe Weather Impacts:

Increasing wind shear as Isaias approaches will enhance the threat for severe weather. The greatest threat is expected east of the storm's center, with **fast-moving tornadoes** being the primary concern across the Florida Panhandle Friday night into Saturday, where a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) of Severe Weather** is in place. Additionally, there will likely be a north-south corridor of very heavy rainfall near the SW Big Bend as Isaias pulls away Saturday, prolonging the severe weather threat in portions of North Florida.

Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms are expected across the Peninsula through the weekend as deep tropical moisture and daytime heating support convective development. **Gusty winds of 40-50 mph, frequent lightning, and locally heavy downpours** will be the primary hazards. Although the strongest impacts from Isaias are expected closer to its track, hazards may extend well away from the center. Tropical rainbands may also produce isolated tornadoes, and the threat could increase if more organized bands move across the Peninsula. The timing and coverage of any severe weather over the weekend remains somewhat uncertain. Thunderstorm chances will decrease early next week as **drier air** moves into the region. For more information, please visit the [Storm Prediction Center](#).



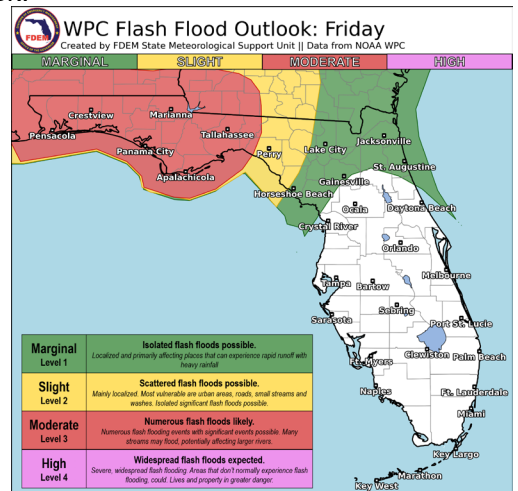
Flash Flooding, Riverine, and Coastal Flood Impacts:

Heavy rainfall associated with Isaias will create significant flooding concerns across portions of North Florida, with additional localized flooding possible across the Peninsula. The Weather Prediction Center has outlooked a **Moderate Risk (Level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across Panhandle locations from Jefferson County westward for Friday and Friday night. A **Marginal to Slight Risk (Levels 1–2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** extends across the remainder of the Florida Big Bend and Northeast Florida. On Saturday, a **Slight Risk (Level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked along a north-south corridor across portions of the Central Panhandle and Florida Big Bend, where a vertically oriented rainband may develop as Isaias pulls away. A **Marginal Risk (Level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** covers much of the Peninsula on Saturday. Widespread rainfall accumulations of **5-8 inches** are possible across portions of the western Panhandle, and a **considerable flash flooding threat with isolated totals of 15+ inches** are possible, especially across the Florida Big Bend. These amounts are particularly concerning given the significant rainfall that some locations have already received in recent days. Across the Peninsula, scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms may produce locally heavy rainfall, training thunderstorms, and **localized flooding and ponding of water**, particularly in urban and poor-drainage areas. Flooding concerns will gradually diminish as Isaias moves northeastward and drier air arrives early next week.

Coastal Flooding is also expected along portions of the Gulf Coast as Isaias approaches and moves inland. Forecast **storm surge of 2-4 ft** along Levy County and **1-3 ft** along Hillsborough County could lead to coastal inundation, particularly around vulnerable shorelines and during high tide. Farther north, the **greatest storm surge threat is expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend**, with peak surge reaching **7-9 ft**.

Coastal and riverine conditions will continue to be monitored as the storm moves through the region. The [St. Johns River at Astor](#) remains at **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to remain here for the foreseeable future. The [St. Marys River near Macclenny](#) is currently in under a **Flood Warning** and is expected to remain at **minor** to action flood stage through the end of the forecast period. The [Shoal River near Crestview](#) is also under a **Flood Warning** and forecasted to reach **minor flood stage** with a **crest near 10 ft** as Isaias moves through. Elsewhere, various rivers across North-Central Florida are forecast to reach action flood stage this week in response to recent heavy rainfalls. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.19 feet, which is 2.81 feet **below** normal for this time of year and in the water shortage management band.



Tropical Outlook:

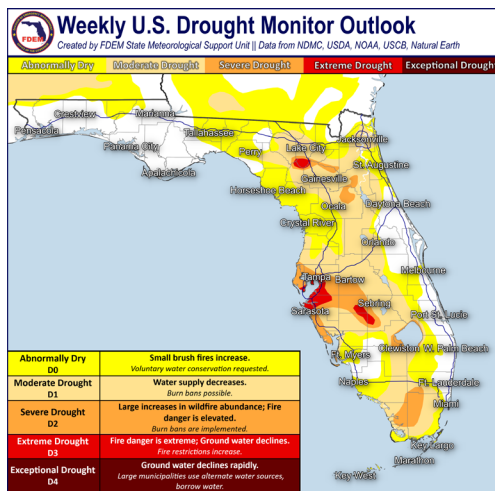
Major Hurricane Isaias is forecasted to make landfall along the Western Florida Panhandle late Friday night. Tropical-storm-force winds are expected to reach the Panhandle Friday afternoon, with hurricane conditions expected overnight. The primary threats include **destructive winds, significant storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and tornadoes**. Although the most severe impacts are expected across the Panhandle and Big Bend, the storm's expanding wind field and outer rainbands will produce impacts well away from the center. Conditions across the Peninsula will gradually improve Saturday as Isaias accelerates northeastward and moves away from Florida. Please continue to monitor the National Hurricane Center and local National Weather Service offices for updated forecasts, watches, and warnings. For the latest information, please visit the [National Hurricane Center](#).

Extreme Heat Impacts:

Warm and humid conditions will persist across the Peninsula through the weekend. High temperatures will generally reach the **upper 80s to lower 90s**, with heat indices **exceeding 100 degrees**, especially across Southwest Florida. Portions of the Peninsula may experience heat indices around **102-105 degrees** through Sunday. Although widespread extreme heat is not expected, warm temperatures and high humidity may contribute to uncomfortable outdoor conditions. Drier air filtering into the region early next week will bring gradually improving conditions, with dewpoints dropping into the 60s across portions of the state.



Drought and Fire Weather Impacts:



The latest drought monitor issued on Thursday, October 8, showed improvements to categorical drought conditions in many areas across the state. Three areas of **Extreme Drought (D3)** remain across the state, both due to long-term precipitation deficits and extremely low streamflows. However, these areas have decreased in size due to a moist air mass that has maintained itself over the state for the last week. An area of **Severe Drought (D2)** remains southeast of Tampa as well as the southern portion of the Everglades, but these continue to improve. Elsewhere, there are pockets of **Moderate Drought (D1)** across the Big Bend and southward down to the Peninsula.

No fire weather threats are expected to materialize over the forecast period due to widespread heavy rainfall expected across the state. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there is currently 1 active wildfire across the state burning approximately 11 acres. The KBDI for the state of Florida currently is 82 (-15 past week change) and there are not any counties above 500.

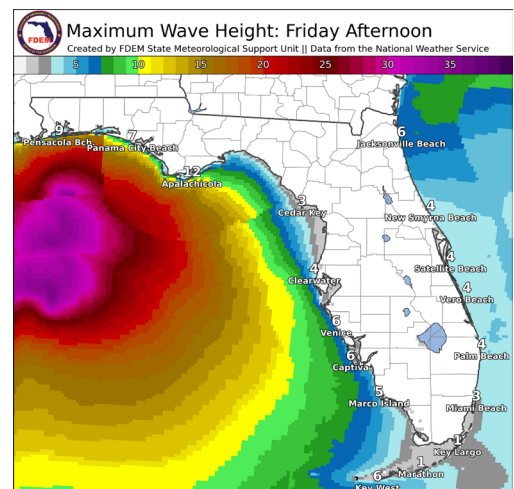
Rip Currents and Marine Impacts:

Marine conditions have already **deteriorated rapidly** as Hurricane Isaias approaches the Western Panhandle. Marine conditions will begin to recover from the effects of Hurricane Isaias overnight Saturday into Sunday with west winds of 10-15 kts in the panhandle. Seas will remain high (3-5') until Sunday evening, before reducing to 2-3' on Monday and Tuesday. Gulf Coast facing beaches can expect marine winds of **20-25 kts** through Sunday morning with seas of **3-6'**. On Sunday afternoon, conditions begin to calm to 5-10 kts with seas of 2-3' and last through the forecast period.

Northeast Florida marine conditions will experience marine winds of **20-25 kts** expected through Saturday evening, raising seas to 5-6' decreasing to 5-10 kts on Sunday morning and remaining at 5-10 kts through the forecast period. This will reduce wave heights to 2-3' throughout the period in Northeast Florida. Wave heights of **2-4'** are expected across South Florida beaches throughout the forecast period with 10-15 kt winds.

A **High Risk for Life Threatening Rip Currents** is expected for the next couple days state wide due to Hurricane Isaias. The panhandle region will begin seeing a reduction in rip currents sometime Sunday transitioning to a **Low** risk of rip currents on Monday and Tuesday. A **Low to Moderate** risk of rip currents is expected for areas along the East Coast of Florida Sunday through Tuesday. A **Moderate** risk of rip currents is forecasted on Sunday for Gulf facing beaches transitioning to a **Low** risk of rip currents is forecasted for Gulf facing beaches south of Levy County beginning Monday and Tuesday.

The latest [Blue-Green Algae](#) dashboard shows 102 reports of algal bloom conditions within the last 30 days. **High levels** have been observed in throughout the St. Johns River, Lake Thonotosassa. **Moderate levels** have been observed throughout the St. Johns River, Sweet Water Creek Branch, Bull Creek, and throughout Lake Okeechobee. Visitors should continue to follow local health and water-quality guidance where advisories are in effect.



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Have a great weekend!

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