



Statewide Public Health and Medical (ESF-8) SITUATION REPORT Hurricane Helene

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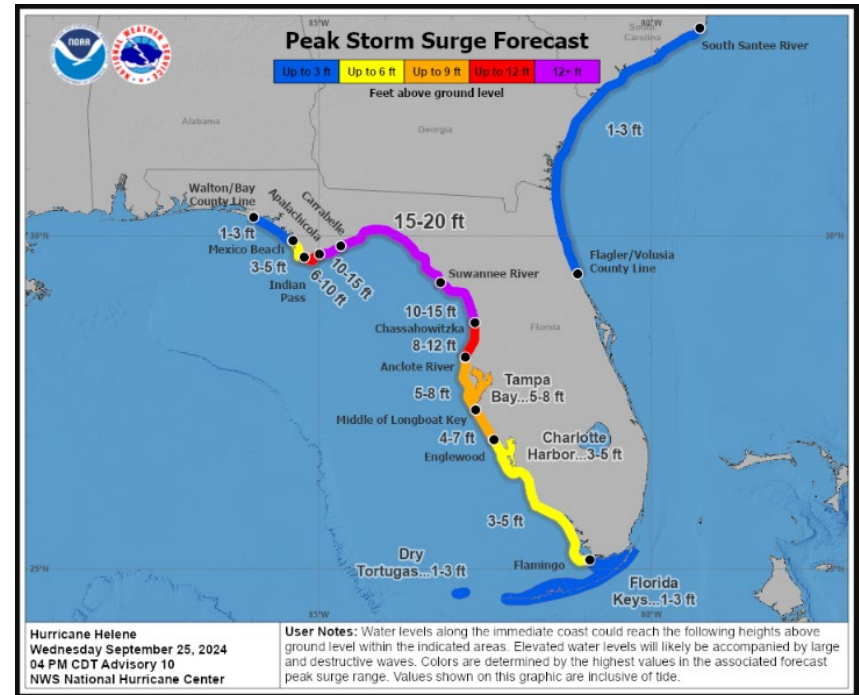


This Situation Report (SIT REP) is provided daily to the State ESF-8 Planning Section and distributed accordingly for situational awareness.

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Current Situation:

- The State EOC is activated at a Level 1.
- Helene is currently a Category 1 Hurricane. It is expected to intensify as it moves north through the Gulf of Mexico and could make landfall as a Category 4.
- Catastrophic and deadly storm surge is likely along portions of the Big Bend coast, where inundation could reach as high as 20 feet above ground level. A Storm Surge Warning is in effect along the entire Florida Big Bend and West Coast.
- Tropical Storm force conditions are likely to arrive along the Florida Keys and South Florida overnight Wednesday and into the early pre-dawn hours, progressing northward along the West-Central and western I-4 corridor through the morning, and arriving at the Big Ben area during the afternoon and early evening.



State ESF-8 Incident Management Team and Contact Information

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ESF-8 IMT Operational Objectives

The ESF-8 Incident Management Team has the following operational objectives:

- Roster ESF-8 staff.
- Coordinate with and support County Health Departments as needed.
- Coordinate with health care facilities in anticipated area of impact.
- Identify available resources for potential facility evacuation operations.

ESF-8 IMT Key Activities

The ESF-8 Incident Management Team is focused on the following key activities:

- Identify and activate ESF-8 staff, as appropriate for the scope of incident.
- Monitor County Health Department status and determine anticipated needs.
- Conduct daily CHD coordination call and situation reporting cadence.
- Coordinate with AHCA on facility monitoring.
- Patient Movement Branch to activate Florida Ambulance Deployment Plan and coordinate with EMAC partners to assess available resources and request Federal Ambulance Contract activation.
- Logistics Section will identify and secure staging area for ambulance strike teams.
- As a contingency, select members of State ESF-8 IMT have relocated to Escambia County for continuity of operations.

ESF-8 MISSIONS (as of 09/25/2024 @1630)

“Active Missions” represents the total number of missions currently assigned to ESF-8 that have not been fulfilled.

“Completed Missions” represents the total number of missions tasked to ESF-8 that have been completed *since the incident began*.

“Total Missions” represents the total of all ESF-8 missions (active and completed) *since the incident began*.

Active Missions	Completed Missions	Total Missions
90	16	106

ESF-8 Missions by County

The number of missions are reported at 1700 daily, and represent the number of ESF-8 Missions in a given county during the preceding 24 hour period.

“Completed Missions” represents ESF-8 missions with operations unfolding in a given county that have been completed *since the incident began*.

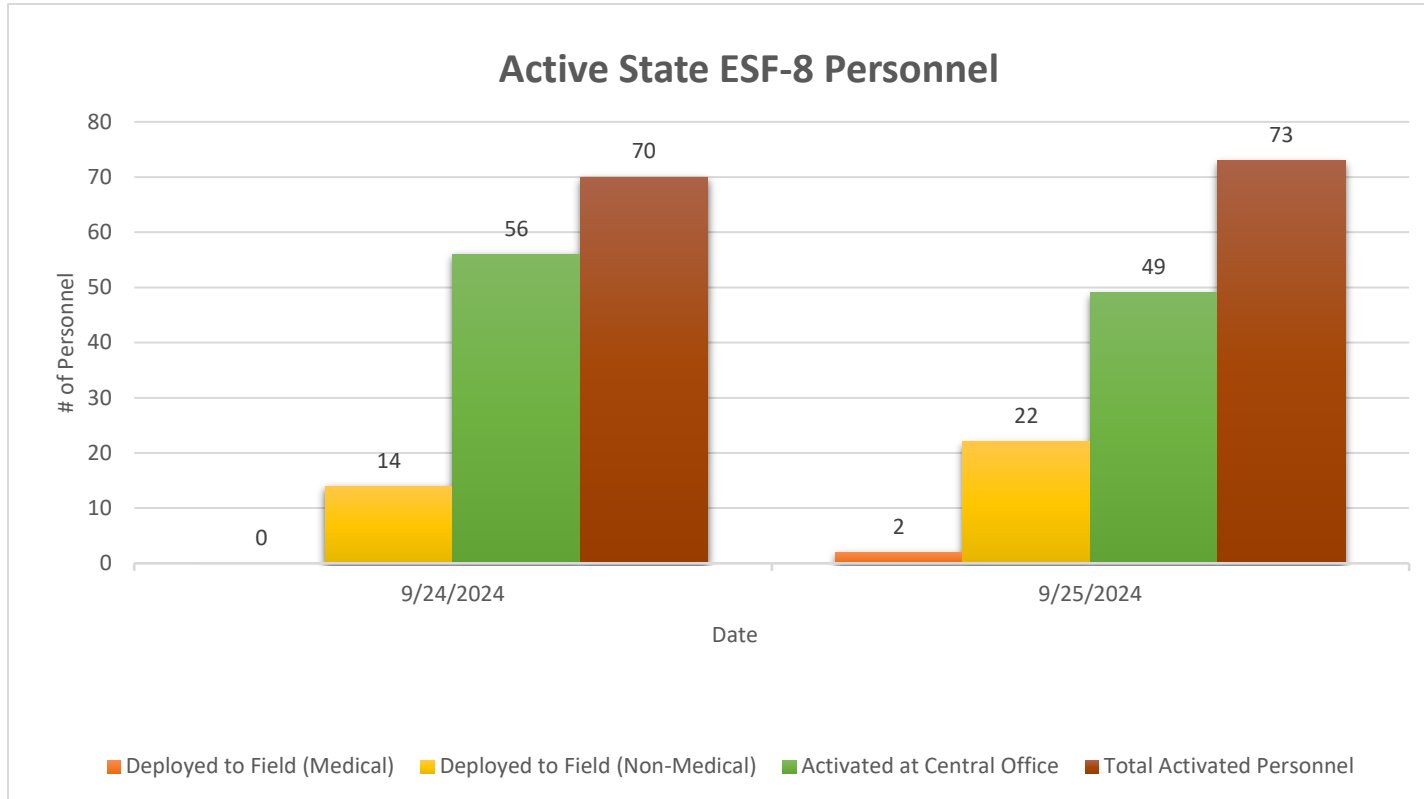
County	Completed Missions	Active Missions 09/25/2024	Active Missions 9/24/2024	Active Missions -
Brevard	2	0	0	
Charlotte	0	1	1	
Citrus	0	2	1	
Dixie	0	2	2	
Franklin	0	3	1	
Gadsden	0	5	5	
Hamilton	0	1	0	
Hillsborough	0	3	1	
Lafayette	0	1	1	
Leon	2	14	4	
Liberty	0	1	1	
Madison	1	7	7	
Osceola	0	5	5	
Pasco	0	2	1	
Pinellas	0	5	2	
Polk	0	3	3	
Putnam	0	1	1	
Sarasota	1	1	1	
Suwannee	0	2	0	
Taylor	6	7	5	

County	Completed Missions	Active Missions 09/25/2024	Active Missions 9/24/2024	Active Missions -
Wakulla	1	5	4	
SERT	0	20	16	
TOTAL	16	90	63	

State ESF-8 Personnel Status* (as of 09/25/2024 @1640)

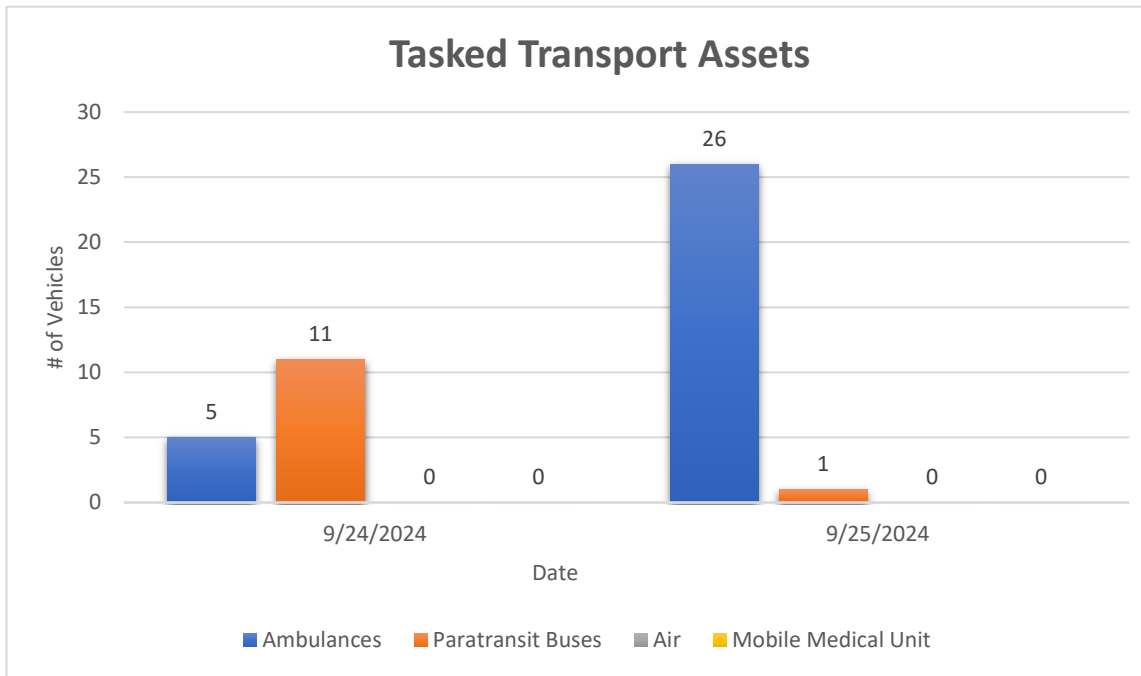
Deployed to Field			
Currently Deployed to Field (Medical)	Currently Deployed to Field (Non-Medical)	Total Deployed to Field since the start of operations	Total Demobilized from Field since the start of operations
2	22	24	0
Activated at Central Office			
Currently Activated at Central Office	Total Activated at Central Office since the start of operations	Total Demobilized from Central Office since the start of operations	
49	51	2	

*The decrease in deployed personnel numbers compared to 09/24 SitRep due to erroneously reporting an anticipated deployment versus actual deployed personnel. 09/25 numbers account for currently deployed personnel.



State Patient Movement Transport Assets (as of 09/25/2024 @1700)

Location (County)	Ambulances		Paratransit Buses		Air		Mobile Medical Unit
	Staged	Tasked	Staged	Tasked	Staged	Tasked	Tasked
Leon	60	1	22	0	0	0	0
Liberty	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Osceola	25	6	2	0	0	0	0
Pinellas	0	18	0	1	0	0	0
Total	85	26	24	1	0	0	0



Special Needs Shelters (SpNS) Status and Census (09/25/2024 @1700—data pulled from Special Needs Registry)
“Closed” shelter status indicates the shelter was open at some point during the incident but is now closed.

Region	County	Opened Shelters	Current Shelter Status	Clients	Caregivers	Other Shelterees	Shelter Staff	Total
3	Alachua	Gainesville Senior Center 5701 NW 34th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32653	Open	1	0	0	17	18
9	Charlotte	New Day Christian Church 20212 Peachland Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33954	Open	6	1	20	40	67
6	Citrus	Forest Ridge Elementary School 2927 N. Forest Ridge Hernando, FL 34442	Open	4	0	0	18	22
4	Duval	Atlantic Coast High School 9735 RG Skinner Parkway Jacksonville, FL	Open	0	0	3	30	33
4	Duval	Legends Community Center 5130 Soutel Drive Jacksonville, FL	Open	1	1	1	17	20
6	Hernando	West Hernando Middle School 14325 Ken Austin Pkwy Brooksville, FL 34613	Open	3	1	0	18	22
6	Hillsborough	Erwin Technical College 2010 E Hillsborough Ave Tampa, FL 33610	Open	14	3	3	37	57
3	Levy	Bronson Elementary School 400 Ishie Ave Bronson, FL 32621	Open	0	0	0	10	10

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6	Manatee	Nolan Middle School 6615 Greenbrook Blvd. Bradenton, FL 34211	Open	27	9	9	50	95
5	Marion	Westport High School 3733 Sw 80th Avenue Ocala, FL	Open	2	0	0	16	18
6	Pasco	Mike Fasano Regional Hurricane Shelter 10611 Denton Ave. Hudson, FL 34667	Open	0	0	0	44	44
6	Pasco	Wiregrass Ranch High School 2909 Mansfield Blvd Wesley Chapel, FL 33543	Open	0	0	0	37	37
6	Pinellas	Dunedin Highland Middle School 70 Patricia Ave Dunedin, FL 34698	Open	50	5	0	55	110
6	Pinellas	Palm Harbor University High School 1900 Omaha St. Palm Harbor, FL 34683	Open	14	0	0	52	66
6	Pinellas	Johns Hopkins Middle School 701 16th St S Saint Petersburg, FL 33705	Open	61	7	1	66	135
9	Sarasota	Lamarque Elementary School 3415 Lamarque Ave. Sarasota, FL 34286	Open	1	0	0	45	46

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9	Sarasota	Tatum Ridge Elementary School 4100 Tatum Rd. Sarasota, FL 34241	Open	6	0	0	54	60
Total Shelters Currently Open: 17				Total Census: 860				

Health Care Facility Status (as of 09/25/2024 - data supplied by AHCA at 1700 hrs)
 All data is self-reported by the facility.

Hospitals Status

Closed or Evacuating	Reporting Damage	On Generator Power		No Power
8	0	Partial Power: 0	Full Power: 0	0

Specific Hospital Data

Region	County	Hospital Name	Operational Status	Reported Damage (Severity)	Power Status	Comments
2	Calhoun	CALHOUN-LIBERTY HOSPITAL	Evacuating			
9	Charlotte	SHOREPOINT HEALTH PUNTA GORDA	Evacuating			
6	Citrus	TAMPA GENERAL HOSPITAL CRYSTAL RIVER	Evacuating			
2	Franklin	GEORGE E WEEMS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Evacuating			
6	Hillsborough	HCA FLORIDA WEST TAMPA HOSPITAL PART OF HCA FLORIDA SOUTH TAMPA	Evacuating			
6	Hillsborough	KINDRED HOSPITAL-BAY AREA-TAMPA	Evacuating			
6	Pinellas	HCA FLORIDA PASADENA HOSPITAL	Evacuating			
3	Taylor	DOCTORS' MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	Evacuating			

Other Health Care Facilities Status (Non-Hospital) – ALF/NH/Dialysis, et al.

Closed or Evacuating	Reporting Damage	On Generator Power		No Power
66	0	Partial Power: 0	Full Power: 0	0

County Health Department (CHD) Facility Status (as of 09/25/2024 @1700)

Closed / Evacuated	Reporting Damage	On Generator Power		No Power
22	0	Partial Power: 0	Full Power: 0	0

Specific CHD Data

Region	County	Date Closed	Date Reopening	Comments
9	Charlotte	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
6	Citrus	9/25/2024	tbd	
7	DeSoto	9/25/2024	9/27/2024	
3	Dixie	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
2	Franklin	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
2	Gadsden	9/24/2024	9/30/2024	
3	Gilchrist	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
2	Gulf	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
6	Hernando	9/25/2024	9/27/2024	
6	Hillsborough	9/25/2024	9/27/2024	
1	Holmes	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
2	Jefferson	9/25/2024	tbd	
2	Leon	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
3	Levy	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
6	Pasco	9/24/2024	9/27/2024	
6	Pinellas	9/24/2024	9/27/2024	
4	Putnam	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
9	Sarasota	9/24/2024	9/27/2024	
4	St Johns	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
3	Taylor	9/24/2024	9/30/2024	
2	Wakulla	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	
1	Washington	9/25/2024	9/30/2024	

PUBLIC HEALTH General Information

DOH Labs: Bureau of Public Health Laboratories (BPHL) Tampa closed 9/25/24 at noon and will be closed through at least Thursday, 9/26/24, pending post-storm assessment. BPHL Jacksonville will close Thursday 9/26/24 and may reopen on Friday, 9/27/24 pending post-storm assessment. BPHL Miami will remain open for normal operations.

Boil Water Notices (BWNs): No notices at this time. They're available at: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/drinking-water/boil-water-notices/index.html>.

Sewage Spills: N/A.

Total gallons: N/A.

Environmental Health Strike Team Deployment

County	# of deployed Strike Teams	Notes
		Three mission requests for EHST support have been received for Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla. Vetting of responders is ongoing. Further updates to be provided once missions are confirmed post-landfall.

General Information

Declarations and Executive Orders: EO-24-209, amending EO-24-208, declaring a state of emergency for the majority of counties in the state. Under this EO, early emergency refills are permitted.

People First Object Code: 645992

Media Requests: Communications Office, (850) 245-4111, Newsmedia@flhealth.gov

Emergency Medication Refills: Effective September 24, 2024 (EO 24-209), In accordance with section 465.0275(2), Florida Statutes, pharmacists may dispense up to a 30-day emergency prescription refill of maintenance medication to persons who reside in an area or county covered under this Executive Order and to emergency personnel who have been activated by their state or local agency but who do not reside in an area or county covered by this Executive Order. In accordance with section 465.019(4)(b), Florida Statutes, a hospital that operates a Class II or Class III institutional pharmacy located in an area or county covered under this Executive Order may prescribe and dispense a supply of a medicinal drug lasting up to 72 hours.

Open Pharmacies: For a map of local open pharmacies, visit: www.RXopen.org

Employee Assistance Program: The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a benefit provided by your employer, the State of Florida. It is a resource that's free for you and your family/household members, and provides 24/7 confidential access to counseling, resources, and support for any issue that's on your mind. Additionally, it can help with a spectrum of daily living issues related to childcare, elder care, family, financial and legal concerns, education, housing and much more. Call 24/7 at 1 (833) 746-8337 or visit: https://www.mybenefits.myflorida.com/work_and_life/additional_benefits/employee_assistance_program.