

Good afternoon all,

Please see the most recent update from the National Weather Service (NWS):

**OVERVIEW:**

- Tropical Storm Watches have been issued for Lake County until further notice.
- Ian is forecast to be a major hurricane and move across the waters west of the Florida Keys, and then toward Florida's lower Big Bend by Wednesday night into Thursday night having a rather large wind field.
- Expected Wind Impacts – The most likely time of arrival is Wednesday afternoon and evening spreading north and east during the evening and overnight.

**LAKE COUNTY ACTIONS:**

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is at a **Level II – Partial Activation**.
- EOC will move to a Level I – Full activation on Tuesday and conduct 24-hour operations to prepare for Hurricane Ian. ESFs required to staff the EOC have been contacted.
- Lake County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will conduct the next City/County conference call (today) Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- Based on the last forecast, the following are protective actions the EOC is conducting:
  - Citizens Information Line hours have been extended into overnight operations.
  - Sandbags are available to the public at five Lake County locations, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cities of Clermont, and Eustis also have sites available to the public for sandbags. All sites are listed as follows:
    - Astor Area - 23023 State Road 40, Astor
    - East Lake Sports and Community Complex - 24809 Wallick Road, Sorrento
    - P.E.A.R. Park - 26701 US Hwy 27, Leesburg
    - North Lake Regional Park - 40730 Roger Giles Road, Umatilla
    - Minneola Athletic Complex - 1300 Fosgate Road, Minneola
    - Eustis Fire Station 22 - 100 W Norton Ave, Eustis, FL 32726
    - West Park Ballfields - 658 12th St, Clermont, FL 34711