

August 28, 2023

The University of South Florida continues to monitor Tropical Storm Idalia. The safety of our students, faculty and staff is our highest priority as we track the storm and the possible impacts to the Tampa Bay region.

**All classes are canceled on Tuesday, Aug. 29, and Wednesday, Aug. 30. All USF campuses will be closed on Tuesday, Aug. 29, and Wednesday, Aug. 30. As of now we expect to resume classes, reopen campuses and return to normal business operations on Thursday, Aug. 31. A final decision on the operating status for Aug. 31 will be announced on Aug. 30.**

Only USF employees who are 1) classified as essential personnel or 2) identified by their supervisors as critical to campus operations should report to work, come to campus or work remotely while campuses are closed. Non-essential staff or those not deemed critical to campus operations by their supervisor are not expected to work, remotely or otherwise, while campuses are closed. Please contact your supervisor if you are unsure of your status. Please do not return to campus until notified that it is safe to do so.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, academic and research buildings will move to emergency mode to allow emergency teams to prepare for impending weather. Once buildings move to emergency mode, only emergency personnel will be permitted to enter until campuses re-open.

Residence halls on the Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses remain open at this time. USF is currently assessing evacuation orders for portions of Pinellas County and the possibility of evacuating residence halls in St. Petersburg. USF Housing and Residential Education staff will coordinate directly with students to provide additional instructions as soon as possible. If residence halls in St. Petersburg close, residential students from St. Petersburg who do not have alternative housing options will be relocated to the Tampa campus by the university. If the Tampa campus is required to evacuate, students remaining on campus would be transported to approved county shelters until it is safe to return.

USF Health clinical facilities will be open on Tuesday, Aug. 29, through the end of the work day and will be closed on Wednesday, Aug. 30. As of now, USF Health is scheduled to resume normal clinical operations on Thursday, Aug. 31. USF Health patients may also call the USF Health appointments hotline at 813-821-8038 to reschedule appointments.

More information is available through a [list of FAQs available here](#). Please note that this is an initial list that will continue to be updated throughout the duration of the storm.

The USF Call Center will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, and noon-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30. The call center can be reached by calling 855-699-2710.

We urge students, faculty and staff to plan carefully, follow local weather reports, and monitor updates from county and state emergency management officials. The [USF Hurricane Guide](#) also serves as a valuable resource for the university community.

USF leadership will continue to monitor the storm and provide updates. Any significant updates regarding changes to normal business operations will be shared via [www.usf.edu](http://www.usf.edu), USF's official social media channels, MyUSF and email.

Only USF employees who are (1) classified as essential personnel, (2) identified by their supervisors as critical to campus operations, (3) working in a facility that will remain open on Thursday or (4) included in one of the exceptions listed above should report to work in person on Thursday, in consultation with their supervisors. Employees who do not fall into these categories should work remotely on Thursday. Please contact your supervisor if you are unsure of your status.

Residence halls on the Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses will remain open. USF Health clinical facilities will remain open on Thursday. Some student services will remain operational, although they may have limited hours. These include dining halls, campus recreation centers, student centers and libraries. Check with local facilities for hours of operation.

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