

# TROPICAL STORM IDA

## Summary:

- Tropical Storm Ida weakening as it approaches the Gulf Coast.
- Maximum sustained winds are near 70mph.
- Ida is expected to begin to lose tropical characteristics on Tuesday.
- The official forecast track now has the center of Tropical Storm Ida making landfall near Mobile Bay early Tuesday then moving eastward inland over the Florida Panhandle.
- Tropical storm force winds and feeder bands with strong thunderstorms will likely affect Northwest Florida.
- A Tropical Storm Watch is currently in effect for the Florida coast west of the Aucilla River.
- Lake Wind and Wind Advisories are in effect for much of the Florida Peninsula today for expected sustained winds of 25-30mph and gusts to 40mph. This may continue into Tuesday, however, these strong winds are not directly associated with Ida's wind field.
- A Coastal Flood Watch is in effect for the Panhandle coast west of Wakulla County.
- An elevated rip current threat will continue along all Florida beaches through Tuesday.
- Additional information can be found at [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov)

## Potential Impacts:

The Gulf Coast region has the potential to see several inches of rain, strong winds, isolated tornadoes and dangerous surf and coastal flooding beginning Monday night and continuing into Wednesday.

*Florida Panhandle:* Tropical storm force winds possible as early as early Monday evening, rainfall totals of 3-6 inches that may lead to minor flooding of roads and rivers. Isolated tornadoes possible. Storm tide values of 3-5 feet. Moderate beach erosion and coastal flooding possible. Coastal Flood Watch in effect.

*Florida Big Bend:* Tropical storm force wind gusts possible Tuesday. Rainfall amounts of 1-3 inches with locally higher amounts possible. Storm tide values of 3-5 feet. Highest possible surge values east of Alligator Point. Isolated tornadoes possible. Coastal flooding possible. Coastal Flood Watch in effect.

*Florida Peninsula:* Winds gusts to near tropical storm force strength possible through Wednesday. Rainfall amounts up to 2 inches. High rip current risk Sunday through Wednesday.