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Tropical Activity <u>Atlantic – Tropical Cyclone Ida</u>

- Although weakened, Ida still posed a threat to parts of the United States on Wednesday.
- The National Weather Service warned that the remnants of the storm could dump up to eight inches of rain across the Mid-Atlantic region into southern New England, triggering "potentially life-threatening" flooding.
- Parts of North Carolina and West Virginia declared states of emergency in anticipation of the storm heading their way.



<u>Louisiana</u>

- Three days after the Category 4 hurricane came ashore, more than 980,000 homes and businesses remained without electricity.
- Some parishes have warned residents that the power outages could last at least a month.
- Entergy officials announced they'd restored power to parts of New Orleans East but cautioned there was still a long road ahead to wider restoration with considerable damage to infrastructure.
- A large number of gas stations in Louisiana cities don't have fuel in the aftermath of Ida, according to outage figures compiled by GasBuddy. In New Orleans, cars were lined up overnight at the few gas stations in the area that were open.
- The city of New Orleans is working to set up stations where people can charge electronics and cool off, Mayor LaToya Cantrell said during Tuesday afternoon.
- Cantrell ordered a nighttime curfew Tuesday, calling it an effort to prevent crime after Hurricane Ida left the entire city without power. The curfew runs from 8pm to 6am.
- Timothy Kerner, mayor of the town of Jean Lafitte, said Ida was too much for the local levee, which was overtopped by floodwaters.
- "Ninety percent, at least, of the homes have got serious damage," Kerner told weather.com in an interview Tuesday afternoon.
- The Louisiana National Guard has ferried more than 350 people and dozens of pets to safety, via land, water and air amid flooding from Ida. Hundreds of other rescues have been carried out by other state, federal and local agencies across the region.
- Gov. John Bel Edwards said that about 80% of all the rescues done Monday were carried out in St. John the Baptist Parish, where homes and businesses were under water from both surge and heavy rain.
- Water rescues continued Tuesday in St. Tammany Parish, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, according to posts on the fire department's Facebook page.
- The area of Avery Estates "is still inundated with water," the St. Tammany Parish Fire District said Tuesday.

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- Edwards on Tuesday surveyed damage from the storm, which caused massive flooding and structure damage in Houma, LaPlace and other communities outside New Orleans.
- The barrier island of Grand Isle, which bore Ida's full fury, is "uninhabitable," with every building damaged, Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng told a news conference. There are also numerous breaks in the levee system and a strong odor of natural gas, she said.
- Officials across the area continued to stress that those who had evacuated should not return, given that some places, like Grand Isle, were "uninhabitable."
- Residents should "return home only when local officials say it is safe to do so," the Federal Emergency Management Agency says.
- Over 700,000 people either without water or under a boil-water advisory.
- Interstates across Louisiana were all open for traffic as of about 2 p.m. CDT Tuesday, according to the state Department of Transportation.
- The New Orleans airport, closed since the storm hit, planned to reopen Wednesday for "very limited" flights, an airport statement said. Only American Airlines had flights scheduled Wednesday, but officials "hope for more normal operations later in the week," it said.

<u>Mississippi</u>

- Emergency management teams continue to spread across the state to help storm victims document how much damage was done by Ida, and whether they may need federal assistance.
- Along with high winds and storm surges, the storm brought heavy rainfall and widespread power outages to the state.
- The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has issued an update on its response to the storm, which does include the two deaths that occurred in George County due to a washout on Highway 26 between Wiggins and Lucedale.
- Overall, in Mississippi, damage appears to be minimal, Gov. Reeves said.
- Counties will report damage over the next several days.
- Over 36,000 customers without power according to Poweroutage.us.

<u> Atlantic – Tropical Storm Larry</u>

- 175 miles S of the southernmost Cabo Verde Islands moving W at 20 mph
- Maximum sustained winds at 45 mph
- Forecast to become a hurricane by late Thursday or Friday



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Atlantic – Tropical Depression Kate

- 895 miles NE of Leeward Islands moving NNW at 9 mph
- Maximum sustained winds 35 mph
- Forecast to become a remnant low on Thursday

Atlantic – Disturbance 1

- Located over the southwestern Caribbean Sea
- Formation chance: 48 hours: Low (30%)
- Formation chance 5 days: Low (30%)



Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request								
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes				
NC	Tropical Storm Fred August 16-18, 2021	8/27/2021	Pending	3 Counties				

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments							
State	Event	Number of Co	Start-End				
		Requested	Completed	Start-End			
UT	Flooding July 15-Aug 19	7	О	8/24-9/7			
NC	Severe Weather August 16	3	0	8/25-TBD			

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters								
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline				
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	129 Counties	191	5/20/2021				
4607 MI	Severe Storms & Flooding	2 Counties	43	9/13/2021				
4610 CA	Wildfires	4 Counties	3	10/25/2021				
4611 LA	Hurricane Ida	25 Parishes	2	10/28/2021				

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