



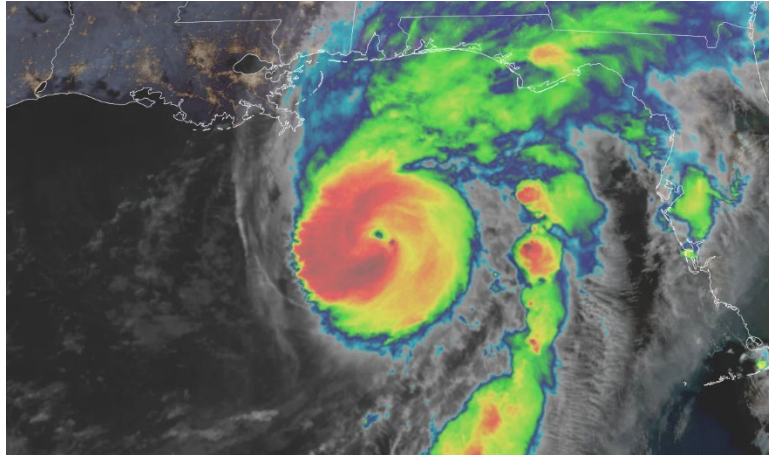
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ATTENTION ALL PROVIDERS



The impending landfall of Hurricane Isaias has prompted road closures in several Alabama counties. As a result, the Mobile Division Laboratory will close at noon, and the Wiregrass courier will be unable to pick up samples today, 10/09/26, from the following county health departments (CHDs):

Baldwin	Clarke	Crenshaw	Houston	Montgomery
Barbour	Coffee	Dale	Macon	Pike
Bullock	Conecuh	Escambia	Mobile	Washington
Butler	Covington	Geneva	Monroe	

Specimens at these CHDs should not be packed in coolers but left in a refrigerator. Because Monday is a state holiday, sample pickup for these counties will resume on Tuesday, 10/13/26. Given syphilis's 5-day holding time, samples collected today or earlier in these counties will be out of holding time and unsatisfactory for testing when delivered to the laboratory on Wednesday. HIV samples have a 7-day holding time and should still be within holding time if collected yesterday or today.

Because the Mobile Division Laboratory is also affected, coolers containing syphilis and CT/NG/TV specimens picked up today by Wiregrass from counties without road closures, which are normally delivered there, will be sent to the Prattville laboratory for analysis.

The list of counties above may update as weather conditions change.

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