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## Disruption of operations?



A reflection of the U.S. Capitol is seen Sept. 24 with a partial government shutdown imminent if Congress fails to fund the government. NATHAN HOWARD/REUTERS

## As government shutdown looms, here's how Florida could be impacted

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Much of the federal government is set to shut down Oct. 1 unless Congress extends the current funding authority. Depending on how long the shutdown lasts, significant effects could be felt in Florida.

In previous shutdowns in 2018-2019 and in 2013, non-essential federal workers were furloughed, closing down most federal agency functions and freezing federal funds that would flow to the state.

Republicans have control of Congress, and the U.S. House has passed a stopgap funding measure to keep the government funded into November, but it hasn't passed the U.S. Senate, where 60 votes are needed to overcome a filibuster. Republicans only hold a 53-47 advantage over Democrats in that chamber.

That means Republicans need Democratic votes, and Democrats have insisted on including an extension of the subsidies for some Affordable Health Care Act marketplace plans. The subsidies

are set to expire at the end of the year and Democrats fear that will price millions out of the plans, leaving them without health coverage.

In Florida about 95,000 federal workers could be affected, but employees at some key agencies, such as the Department of Defense, and those related to emergency management, such as the National Hurricane Center in Miami could continue to work.

National Guard members could be furloughed, but that could be reversed if a major storm approaches, as happened during the 2013 shutdown when Tropical Storm Karen neared the Gulf Coast close to Pensacola.

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### MULTIPLE-VEHICLE CRASH

## 1 dead and 2 injured on Florida Turnpike

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MINNEOLA — A 2015 Genesis GV80 traveling south on the Florida Turnpike south of North Hancock Road (mile marker 277) in the inside lane collided in a fatal crash with a construction tractor on Sept. 24, according to a Florida Highway Patrol news release.

The tractor was operating in an active construction zone in the southbound center median of the turnpike.

At the time of the crash, a 2015 Chevrolet Trax was traveling south on the turnpike south of North Hancock Road in the inside lane behind the Genesis, and a 2024 Dodge Charger was also heading south on the turnpike but in the outside lane.

For unknown reasons, the Genesis driver ran off the roadway to the left into the active construction zone, according to the news release.

As a result, the front of Genesis struck the tractor, and the impact caused the Genesis to rotate back into the inside lane of the turnpike and collide with the left side of Trax. The Genesis driver was ejected, and the Charger struck debris in the outside lane, the release says.

The Genesis driver was transported to South Lake Hospital and pronounced deceased. He was described in the release as a 59-year-old St. Cloud man. The tractor operator, a 55-year-old man from Summerfield, sustained minor injuries.

The Trax driver was transported to South Lake Hospital for treatment of minor injuries, and the Charger driver was not injured. The crash remains under investigation.

## New tariffs target goods such as kitchen cabinets

### Supreme Court case could put duties at risk

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President Donald Trump announced a new round of tariffs on Sept. 25, focusing on specific goods like kitchen cabinets and furniture.

"We will be imposing a 50% Tariff on all Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Vanities, and associated products, starting October 1st, 2025. Additionally, we will be charging a 30% Tariff on Upholstered Furniture," Trump said in a Truth Social post.

In the same series of posts, he announced a 25% tariff on all "Heavy (Big!) Trucks!" imports and a 100% tariff on brand-name drugs.

Trump's sweeping tariffs against countries around the world could be at legal risk due to a case headed to the Su-

preme Court. Reuters reported these new actions could be part of the Trump administration's shift to better-established legal authority.

The president said in his Truth Social post the reason for the cabinet, vanity and furniture tariffs is "the large scale 'FLOODING' of these products into the United States by other outside Countries. It is a very unfair practice, but we must protect, for National Security and other reasons, our Manufacturing process. Thank you for your attention to this matter!"

Trump teased the focus on furniture in August in a Truth Social post, saying he would run a "major tariff investigation."

"This will bring the Furniture Business back to North Carolina, South Carolina, Michigan, and States all across the Union," he wrote on Aug. 22.

Jobs for furniture and wood product

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President Donald Trump's announcement of steep new tariffs includes home renovation materials. "We will be imposing a 50% Tariff on all Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Vanities and associated products," starting Oct. 1, he wrote on social media. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

