





...Mostly Dry and Pleasant Conditions Statewide Through the Weekend and Into Early Next Week...Isolated to Widely Scattered Showers and Thunderstorms Possible Along Portions of East and South Florida Today and Saturday...Isolated to Scattered Showers and Thunderstorms Across South Florida and the Keys Sunday Into Early Next Week...Breezy Northeasterly Winds With Gusts Upward of 15-35 MPH Continue Through Saturday...Below-Normal Temperatures Expected Nearly Statewide...Dry Air To Create Locally Sensitive Wildfire Conditions At Times Along the Florida Panhandle...Coastal Flooding (Some Significant) Persists Along the East Coast, Keys, and St. Johns River Basin...Widespread Moderate to Major Riverine Flooding Ongoing Across Northeast and West-Central Florida...Moderate to High Risk for Rip Currents Continues Along Florida Panhandle and East Coast...

### Friday-Saturday:

Mostly sunny and pleasant conditions are expected across the state through the weekend as high pressure builds southward across the area. Isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue to be possible across eastern and southern portions of the Peninsula and along the Keys today and Saturday (15-30% chance of rain).

Relatively calm conditions can be expected along the Florida Panhandle today; however, breezy northeasterly winds near 10-20 mph with gusts upward of 20-30 mph will persist along the Peninsula and Keys throughout the day. Winds will drop off overnight into Saturday; however, gusts near 15-25 mph will continue to be possible.

High temperatures will remain in the upper 70s to low 80s across North Florida today with middle to upper 80s elsewhere. High temperatures will rise into the 80s

Chance of Rain: Saturday
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statewide Saturday. **Heat indices** in the **90s** will be possible across portions of the far Southern Peninsula and Keys.

Dry air along the Florida Panhandle will allow relative humidity values to fall to 30-45% in the afternoons, giving way to locally sensitive wildfire conditions over areas that have seen little rainfall over the last 30-60 days. Widespread moderate to major riverine flooding has developed in response to heavy rainfall from Hurricane Milton and is expected to continue for the next several days as above normal streamflows continue, and some rivers are forecast to approach or break record levels

Dry condition can be expected statewide overnight with a few lingering showers possible along the Southeast Coast and Keys today and Saturday (15-35% chance of rain) and South Florida and the Keys Sunday (20-55% chance of rain). Low temperatures will fall into the upper 40s to middle 50s along the Florida Panhandle today and Saturday with upper 50s to low possible along the immediate coastline and across the Suwannee Valley. Central Florida can expect low temperatures in the upper 60s to middle 70s while South Florida and the Keys remain in the middle 70s to low 80s overnight each night.

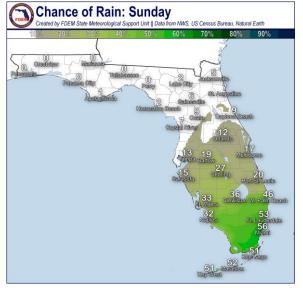
# Sunday - Tuesday:

More scattered shower and thunderstorm activity can be expected across South and into Central Florida and the Keys Sunday and into early next week as a frontal boundary shifts northward (20-50% chance of rain) while the rest of the state remains dry (near 0-15% chance of rain).

High temperatures will rise into the middle to upper 80s across the state Sunday. A dry cold front will approach the state Monday, moving through North Florida Monday night and through Central Florida into South Florida Tuesday. A large area of high pressure will build in behind this cold front,







supporting cool conditions. High temperatures will remain in the middle 70s to low 80s across North Florida ahead of the cold front Monday. Behin the passage of the cold front, high temperatures can be expected to remain in the upper 60s to middle 70s across North Florida Tuesday afternoon. The rest of the state will remain warmer in the middle to upper 80s Monday and upper 70s to middle 80s Tuesday.

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forecast to approach or break record levels.

Dry conditions can be expected statewide each night with a few lingering showers possible along South Florida and the Keys (20-55% chance of rain). Low temperatures will generally remain in the upper 50s to middle 60s across North Florida, upper 60s to low 70s across Central Florida, and 70s across South Florida and the Keys Sunday and Monday night ahead of the passage of the cold front. Behind the cold front Tuesday night, low temperatures will fall into the upper 40s to middle 50s across the Florida Panhandle and Suwannee Valley with upper 50s to low 60s across Northeast Florida and through the Nature Coast, middle 60s to low 70s across Central Florida, upper 60s to middle 70s across South Florida, and middle to upper 70s along the Keys.

#### **Tropical Weather:**

<u>Tropical Storm Leslie:</u> As of 11:00 AM EDT, Tropical Storm Leslie is located about 1585 miles west-southwest of the Azores and moving north-northeastward at 10 mph. A turn toward the northeast with an increase in forward speed is expected tonight, followed by a turn toward the east-northeast over the weekend. Maximum sustained winds are near 50 mph with higher gusts. Gradual weakening is expected today, and Leslie is forecast to become a post-tropical cyclone in a day or two. *Leslie poses no threat to Florida.* 

Near the Cabo Verde Islands (Invest 94L): Showers and thunderstorms remain disorganized in association with an area pf low pressure passing through the western portions of the Cabo Verde Islands. Earlier satellite data and recent surface observations indicate that the system has winds up to about 40 mph, with higher gusts, but the circulation is elongated. Some additional development is possible and a short-lived tropical storm could form while the system moves westward or west-northwestward at 10-15 mph away from the Cabo Verde Islands. On Saturday, environmental conditions are forecast to become less conducive, and further development appears unlikely after that time. Regardless of development, winds to tropical storm force and areas of heavy rain are likely to continue over portions of the Cabo Verde Islands through tonight. The NHC is outlooking a medium (50%) chance of development over the next 48 hours, and a medium (50%) chance of development over the next 7 days. This system poses no direct threat to Florida through the next 7-10 days at least.

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center website.

#### **Hydrology & Flooding:**

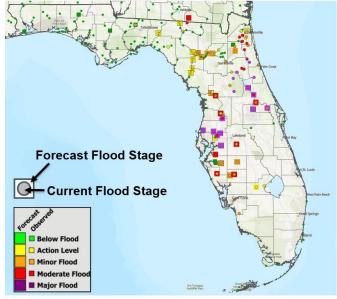




There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Mostly dry conditions are expected across the state throughout the day with a few isolated to scattered showers possible along eastern and southern portions of the Peninsula. Additional rainfall over heavily saturated or already flooded areas across Central Florida from Hurricane Milton could create additional instances of flooding or exacerbate existing conditions. Rainfall totals near or below 1" are expected throughout the day with locally higher totals of 1-2" possible. Over the weekend, the Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding across portions of the I-95 corridor across Southeast Florida both Saturday and Sunday die to an increase of tropical moisture near the frontal boundary could bring heavy rainfall across the urban and low-lying areas. There is some uncertainty with location and total amount of rainfall anticipated as some computer model guidance is indicating the heaviest rainfall could remain to the south. For the latest Excessive Rainfall Outlook, please visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Heavy and widespread rainfall from Hurricane Milton has already led to a riverine response across numerous basins extending from West-Central Florida, Central Florida and Northeast Florida. Widespread moderate to major riverine flooding has developed and is expected to continue for the next several days as above normal streamflows continue, and some rivers are forecast to approach or break record levels. Major Flood Stage is ongoing along the Anclote River near Elfers at Little Road, Cypress Creek at SR-54, Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills, Alafia River at Lithia Pinecrest Road at Lithia, St. Johns River at Astor, and Little Wekiva River near Altamonte Springs. Moderate flooding is ongoing along the Hillsborough River at Morris Bridge and St. Johns River near Deland and minor flooding is ongoing along the Withlacoochee River at US-301 Trilby and St. Johns River above Lake Harney. All these rivers are forecast to rise into Major Flood Stage within the next few days. Along the St. Johns River, numerous tidal points for the lower St. Johns are also within Moderate to

Major Flood Stage. Water levels have reached Minor Flood Stage along the Withlacoochee River near Holder at SR-200, Myakka river at Myakka River State Park, Horse Creek near Arcadia SR-72, Peace River (at SR-60 Bartow and at SR-70 Arcadia), and the St. Johns River near Sanford and are forecast to continue rising, reaching Moderate Flood Stage in the coming days. Moderate flooding continues along the Little Manatee near Wimauma and minor flooding continues along the Manatee River near Myakka Head at SR-64 and South Fork Black Creek near Penney Farms as water levels gradually decline. Minor flooding is occurring or forecast along the Withlacoochee River at US-41 Dunnellon Peace River at Zolfo Springs, and Santa Fe River (Three Rivers Estates, Fort White, O'leno, Worthington Springs).



Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 15.98 feet, which is within the operational band and 0.96 feet above normal.

# **Rip Currents & Marine Hazards:**

A high risk for rip currents will generally persist along East Coast beaches over the next 3-4 days with a moderate risk likely returning early next week. A high risk for rip currents can be expected along the Big Bend and West Coast today with a moderate risk along the Panhandle. A moderate risk will generally persist along the Florida Panhandle through the rest of the period with a low risk likely returning along the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.





High Surf Advisories remain in effect along the Florida Atlantic Coast through this evening as large breaking waves of 6-13' persist in the surf in the wave of Hurricane Milton and with the help of breezy onshore winds, creating hazardous beach and boating conditions. Breaking waves will return to near 3-6' elsewhere across the state by this afternoon. Ocean swells will gradually dissipate along the Florida Atlantic Coast through the weekend as winds weaken. 4-6' wave heights will likely persist along the East Coast Saturday afternoon, returning to near 3-5' Sunday and 2-4' early next week. Atlantic-facing Key beaches will see wave heights near 2-4' persist today, returning to near 1-3' through the rest of the period. Florida Panhandle and West Coast beaches will see 1-4' waves through the period.

Coastal Flood Warnings remain in effect through Saturday morning along portions of the First Coast and through this afternoon along portions of the Space and Treasure Coasts as breezy onshore winds, high surf, and already elevated tides along the East Coast in the wake of Hurricane give way to



continued instances of significant coastal flooding. Coastal Flood Warnings are also in effect along the St. Johns River Basin through Sunday morning as heavy rainfall filtering in and trapped tides within the basin give way to significant coastal flooding Minor to moderate coastal flooding will likely persist even at times of low tide along the St. Johns River Basin and will be possible at times of low tide along portions of the Northeast Coast. A Coastal Flood Advisory has been issued for Friday afternoon through Saturday morning along coastal St. Johns and Flagler County for minor coastal flooding during times of high **Advisories** Coastal Flood Statements extend through the Southeast Coast and Keys as minor to locally moderate coastal flooding near and at times of high tide. Some shoreline erosion will also be possible along these impacted coastlines.

Red Tide has been observed in 28 samples collected from Southwest Florida over the past week (as of 10/8). Background to high concentrations were observed in and offshore of Pinellas County and background concentrations were observed in Sarasota County. Respiratory irritation suspected to be related to red tide was reported in Southwest Florida (Pinellas County) over the last week.

As of 10/3, <u>Blue-Green Algae</u> was observed on satellite imagery, although partially obscured by cloud cover, at scattered low to <u>moderate bloom potential</u> concentrated along the western shore of Lake Okeechobee. Partially obscured satellite imagery of the St. Johns River showed <u>moderate bloom potential</u> on northern Lake George, with scattered low to moderate bloom potential on the mainstem of the St. Johns River downstream to Shands Bridge. Satellite imagery showed no bloom potential in visible portions of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuaries.

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Have a wonderful weekend! Melissa James, Assistant State Meteorologist Florida Division of Emergency Management www.FloridaDisaster.org/Weather



