



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Wednesday, December 10, 2025



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden, Walton	State Instructors Call / County EM Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	State Instructors Call / HQ Visit
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Levy, Gilchrist	State Instructors Call / County EM Visits
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	MGT-310 Course
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	State Instructors Call / Office Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	On_Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	State Instructors Call / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Amber Durden	Palm Beach	County EM Introductory Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FEMA Evaluated REP Exercise



Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	County EM Meeting / State Instructors Call
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Suwannee	804 Meet-up & Equipment Swap / State Instructors Call
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Suwannee	Recovery Meeting / State Instructors Call
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	Leave
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Hillsborough	County EM Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Palm Beach	LMS Meeting / State Instructors
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5

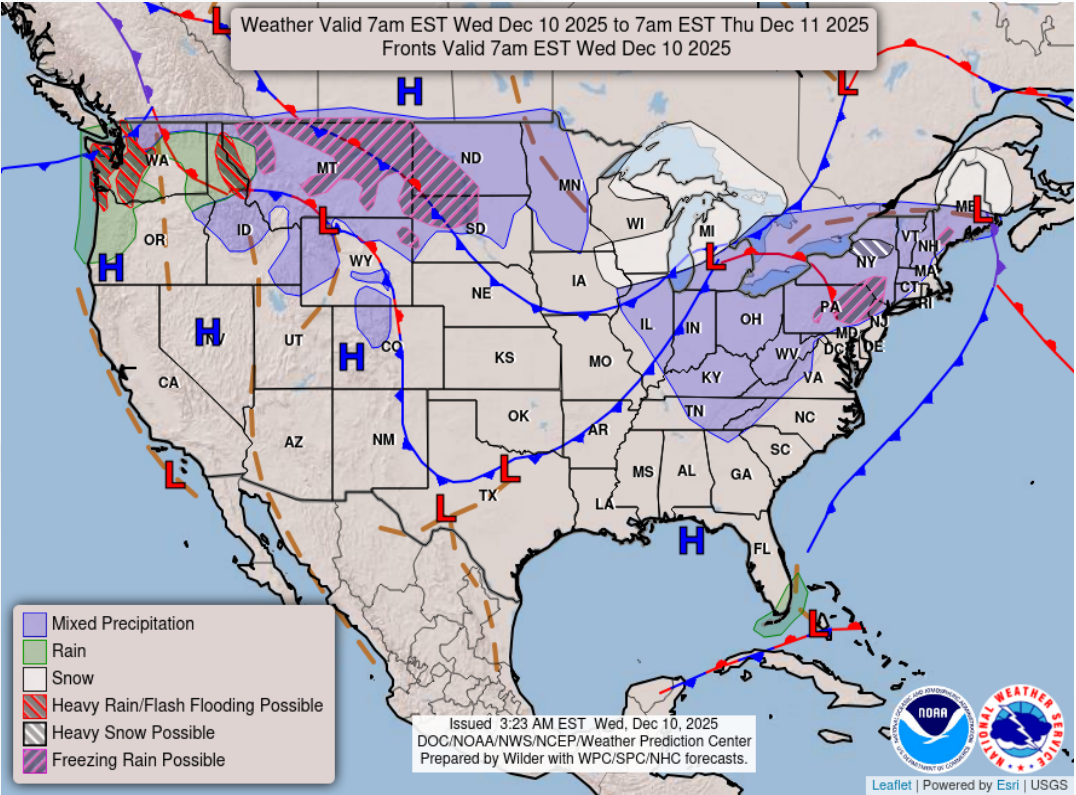
Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 7 & 8

Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

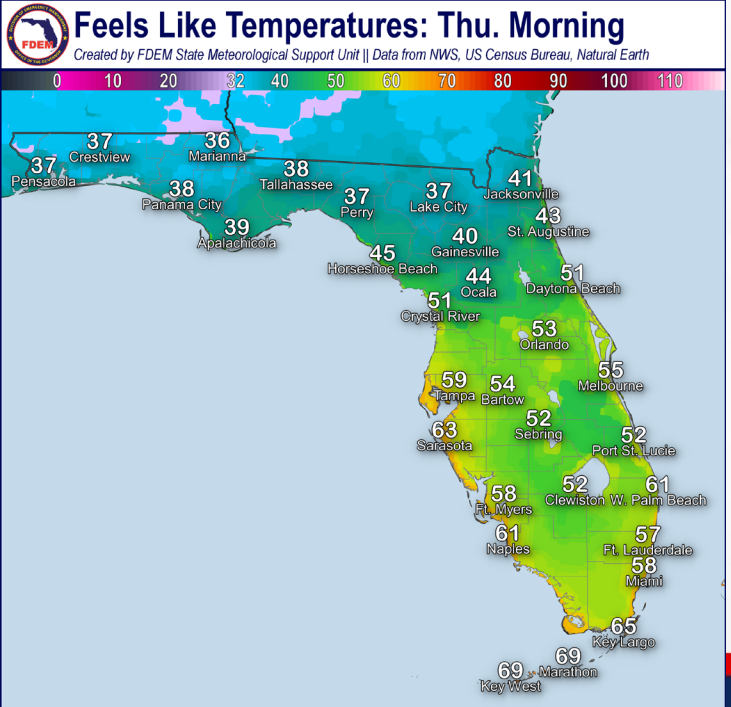
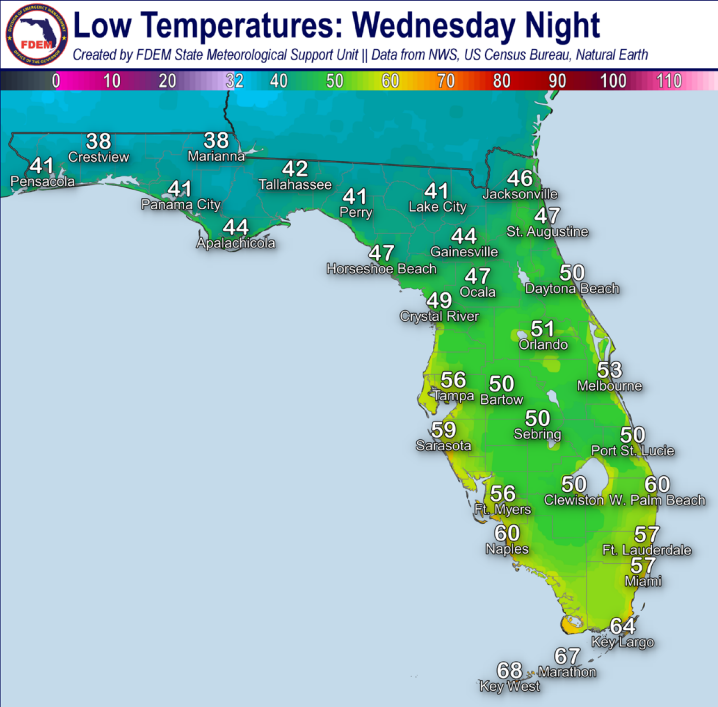


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)	L									
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L						
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.62 ft. (1.13 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	394 (+1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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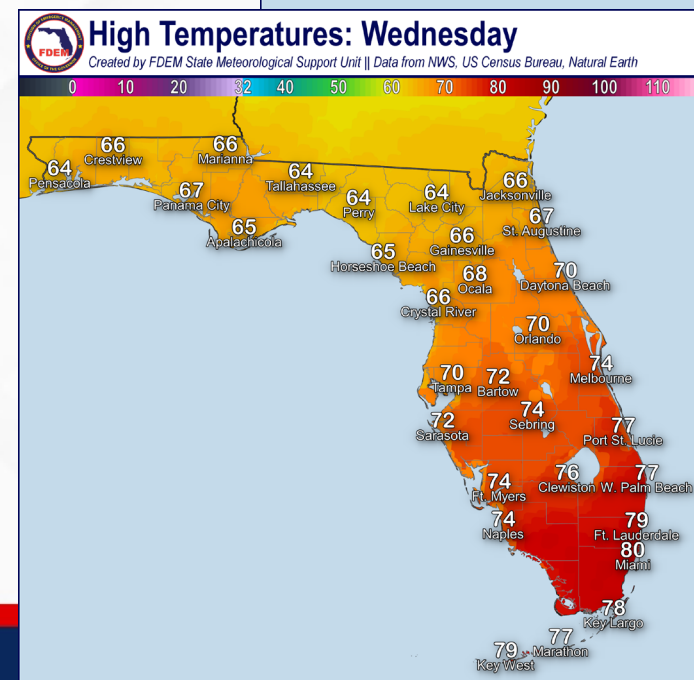
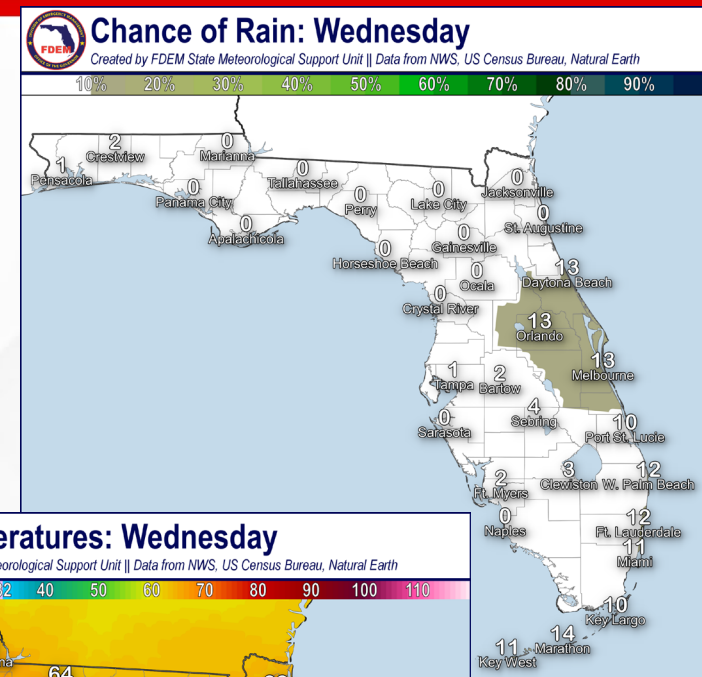
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A cold start to the day across North Florida with patchy frost on the ground. Portions of the northwestern Panhandle could see some **patchy fog or localized freezing fog** which may lead to **icing on some elevated surfaces** such as bridges and overpasses this morning. Any conditions should dissipate this morning. Plenty of sunshine can be expected across the state as high pressure shifts over the state. A few brief sprinkles may be possible along East-Central Florida and the Southeast Florida coast this morning before dissipating this afternoon (10-15% chance of rain). Despite recent rainfall, longer term drought conditions and dry conditions returning across North Florida could lead to instances of **locally sensitive wildfire conditions**. Wind gusts will increase to **15-25 mph** along the Panhandle this afternoon and evening as a dry cold front approaches the state from the northwest.

High temperatures will return to the 60s across North Florida, lower to middle 70s across Central Florida and middle 70s to near 80-degrees across South Florida.

A dry cold front will push through North and Central Florida overnight helping to reinforce dry and cool conditions throughout the state. While this front is expected to remain dry, a few light sprinkles cannot be ruled out along the front with any locally available moisture. An increase in cloud cover can be expected along and ahead of the front as it pushes through overnight helping to keep conditions slightly warmer than the last couple of days.

Low temperatures will fall into the **upper 30s** to lower 40s across North Florida, middle 40s to middle 50s across Central Florida and 50s to lower 60s across South Florida. Feels-like temperatures will dip into the **lower to middle 30s** across the northwestern Panhandle and **middle to upper 30s** throughout the rest of North Florida. Instances of **patchy frost** may be possible in shady or low-lying areas.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** persists for all Panhandle and East Coast beaches. A low risk returns to the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean **swells of 3-5'** will linger through today along the entire East Coast with breaking **waves upwards of 6'** off Treasure Coast. Panhandle and West Coast beaches will return 1-2'.

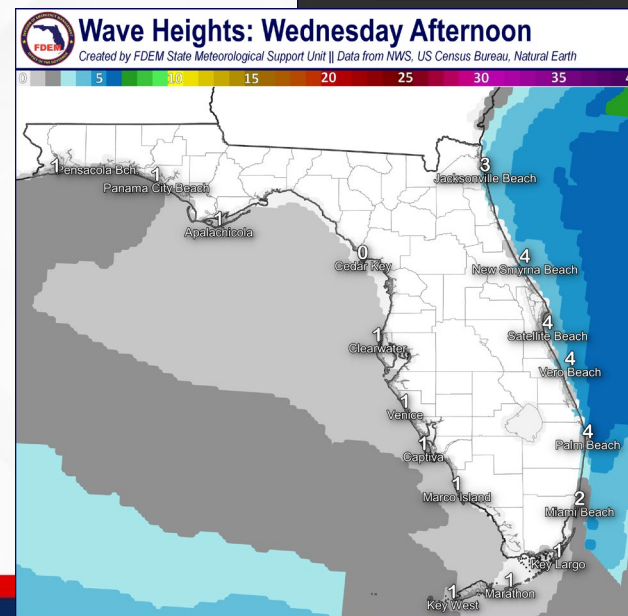
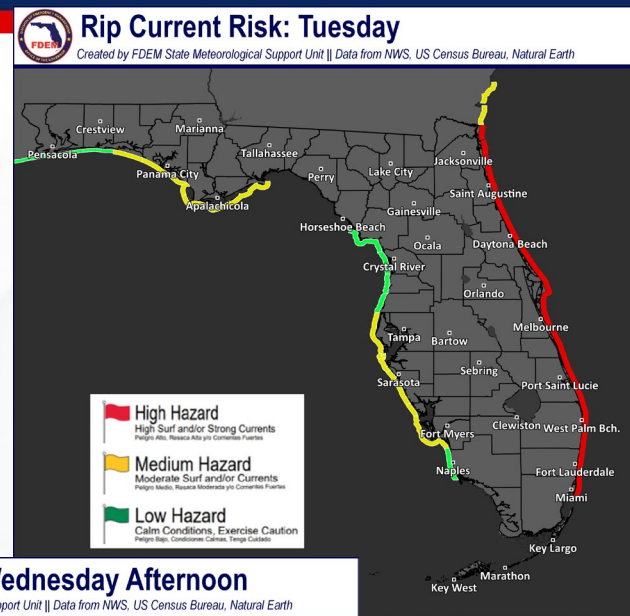
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along the Bay County coastline and background to **low concentrations** offshore Franklin and Gulf County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the East Coast (valid 12/5).

Coastal Flooding: There is no risk for coastal flooding across Florida.

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today.

Riverine Flooding: There are no riverine concerns. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.62 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.13 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



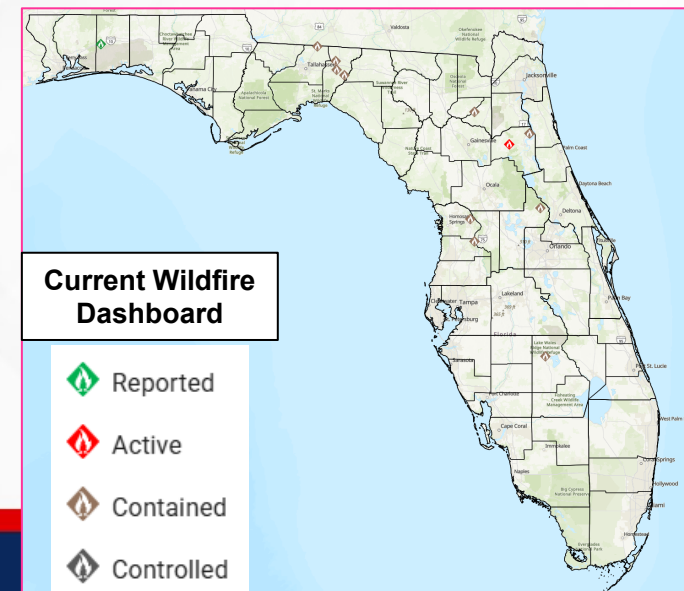
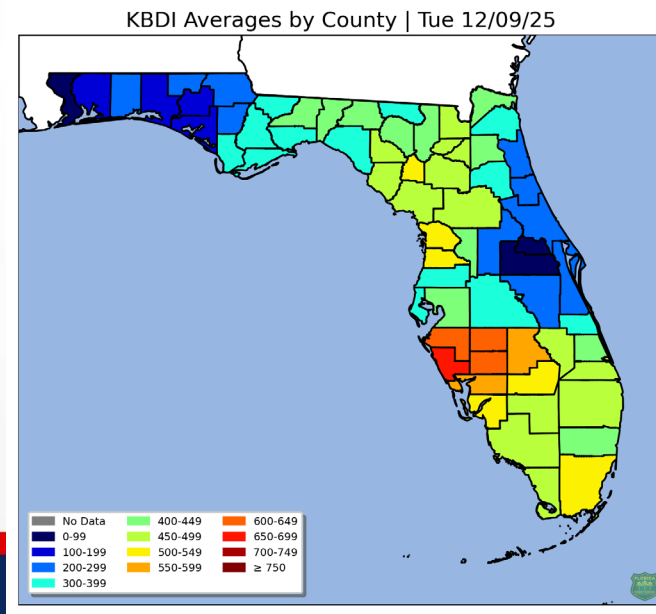
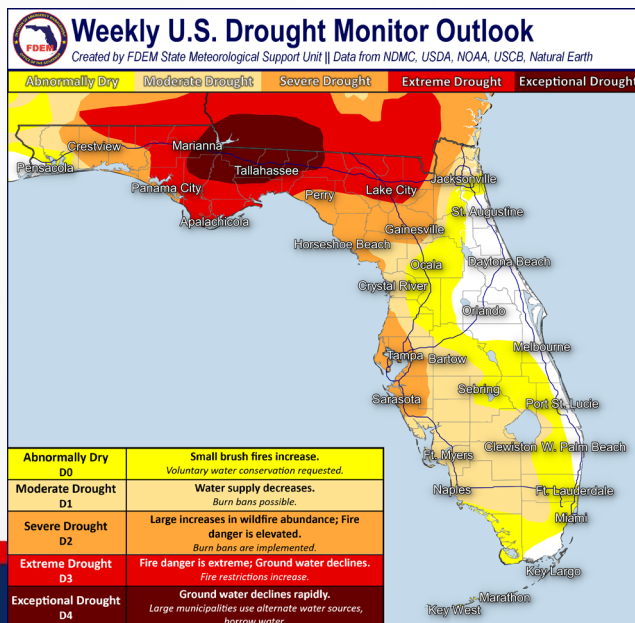


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will return across the state as high pressure shifts eastward into the state briefly. Relative humidity values will remain above critical thresholds throughout the state despite the dry conditions. Wind gusts will increase later today across the Panhandle and North Florida as a reinforcing dry cold front approaches, leading to wind **gusts upwards of 15-25 mph** at times. **Locally sensitive wildfire conditions** will be possible across North Florida given the longer-term drought conditions over the area, even with all the recent rainfall. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 13 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 226 acres.

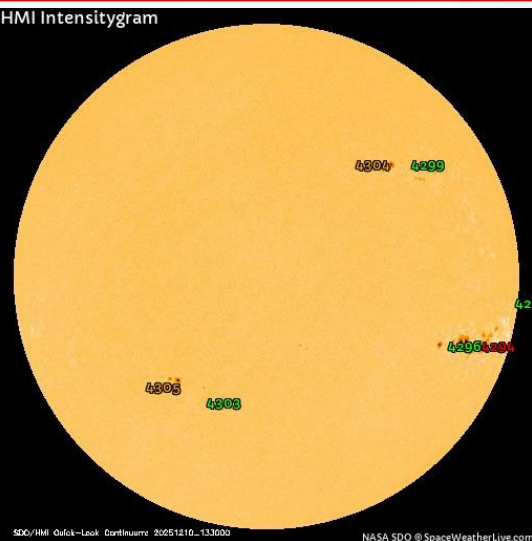
Drought (12/4): Some beneficial rainfall fell across the western Panhandle towards the beginning of this week, which may be reflected in next week's Drought Monitor outlook, however for this week's outlook mostly dry conditions prevailed prompting an expansion of most drought categories across the state. An introduction of **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was added to coastal West-Central Florida around the Tampa Bay metropolitan area where 60-day rainfall departures remain near 3-5 inches below normal. **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was expanded southeastward across much of interior South Florida with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) continuing to stretch towards the Southeast Florida coastline. Across North Florida where the worst drought in 14 years is occurring, **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** remains in place across Leon, Gadsden, western Calhoun and Jackson, and northern Jefferson, Wakulla, and Liberty counties. **Severe (level 2 of 4)** to **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** also remains in place across much of the I-10 corridor and southward along the Forgotten and Nature Coast. Long-term rainfall departures, despite the recent rainfall, remain well below average and streamflows across the northern tier of the state are very low. Additional rainfall this week and weekend will hopefully provide some reduction of the drought for next week's outlook. However, Central and South Florida may continue to see persistence of the drought conditions moving forward where cold fronts will struggle to reach.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **394 (+1)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **12** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

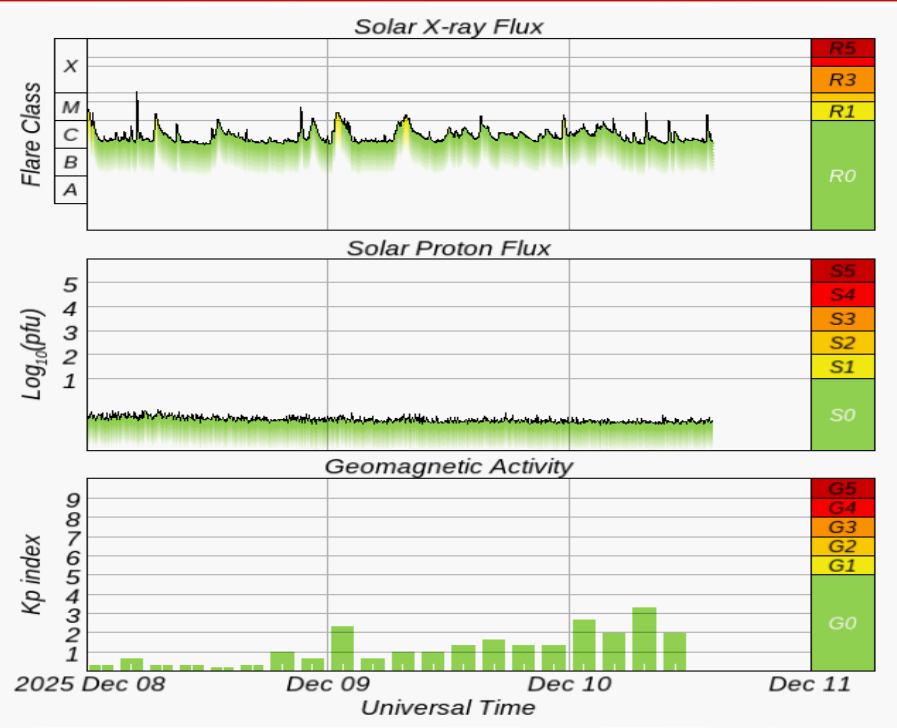
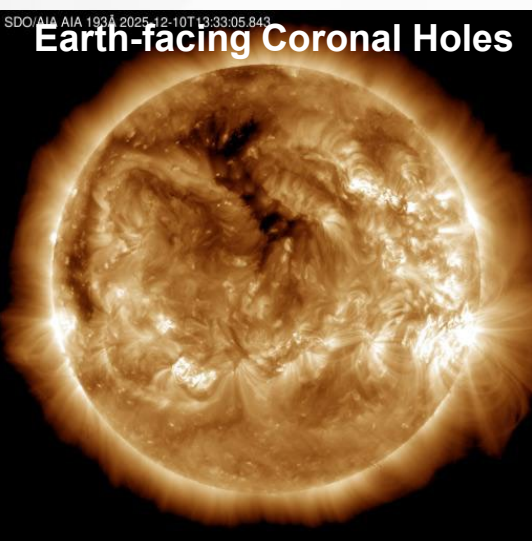




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: G3 Watch – 12/9	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/10	12/11
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 50%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: The large sunspot complex has moved to the southwestern limb of the sun, but still poses a threat for strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flares through the end of the week. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class solar flares. Solar wind conditions have return to nominal conditions and will continue at that level through the end of the week. The Earth's geomagnetic storm has returned to mostly quiet conditions and is expected to remain there. The overall space threat to Florida is low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	800-320-0519, 850-815-4001, 850-591-0071 (Backup Cell)	Operational	
Backup Landline:	850-487-3234, 850-487-3228	Operational	
Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Operational	
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Message:	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
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Website:	http://www.floridadisaster.org	Operational	

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