



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, December 12, 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, Leon	EVerbridge/IPAWS Mtg / Equipment P/U / Regional Meeting Prep
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	HQ Visit / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Everbridge/IPAWS Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	FDOT Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Hardee	L-146 Course
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Region 8 Training
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	G-358 Course
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	EM Visit



Region 5 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

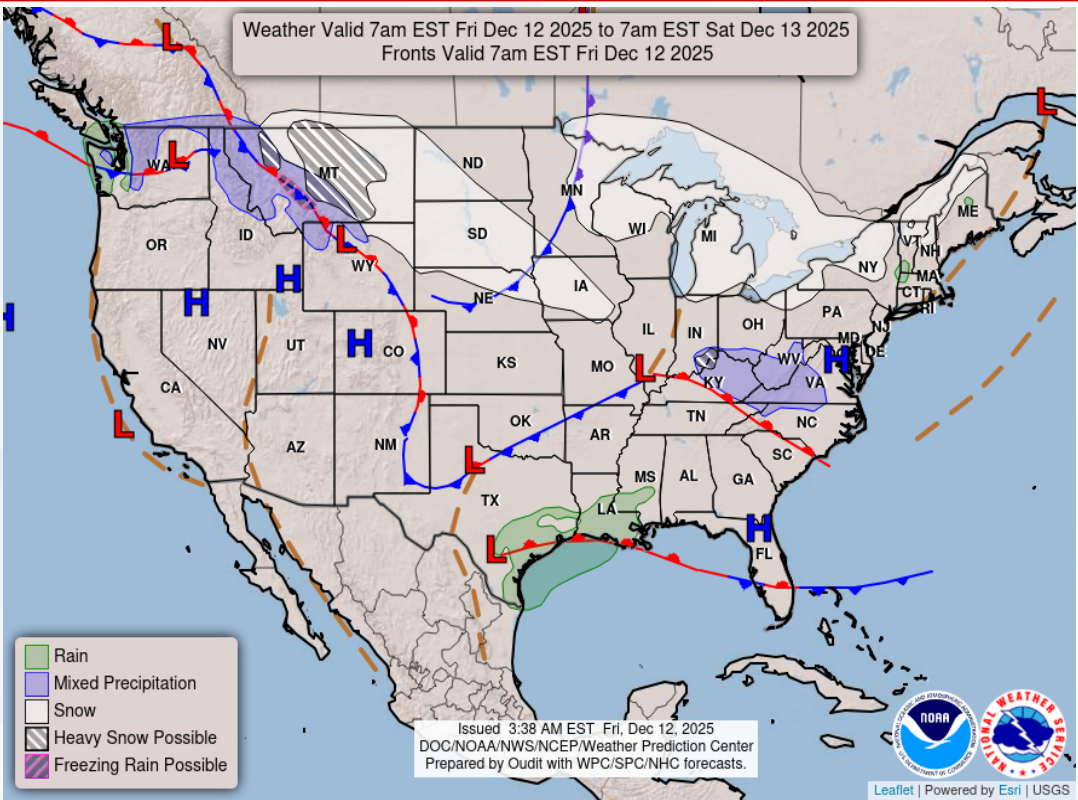
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	FROC Assistance
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	FEMA CA Meeting / Admin Duties
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	FEMA CA Meeting / Admin Duties
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Out of Region	Leave
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Mitigation Meeting / Admin Duties
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	In Region	Off & Monitoring
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 4
 Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8
 Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

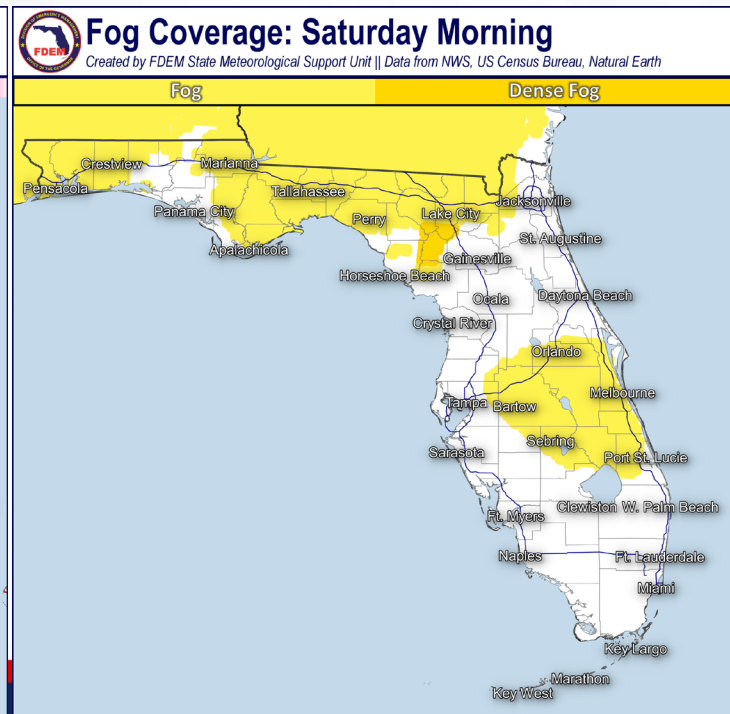
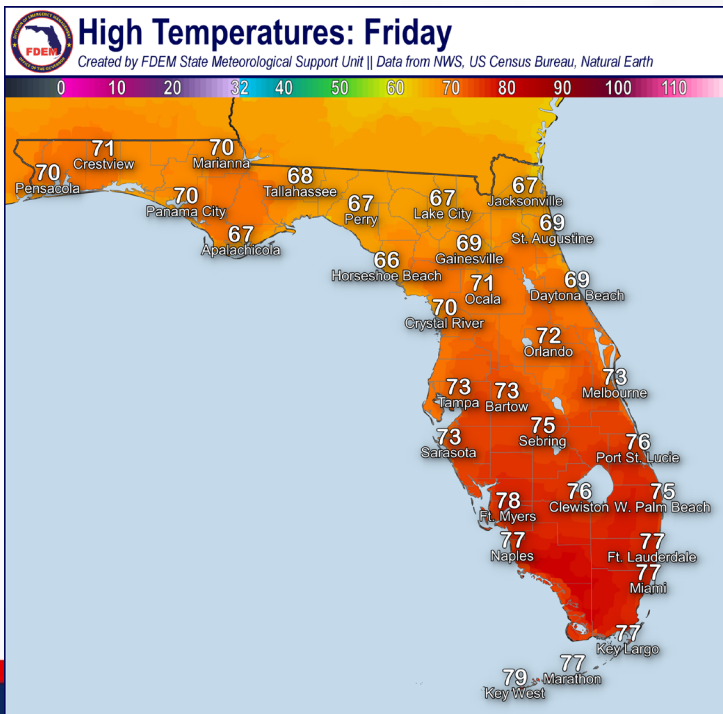


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Freeze (Overnight)										
Fog (Overnight)	L	M	H	M	M	L	L	L		
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L				
Rip Currents	M	M	L	L	M	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.61 ft. (1.13 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	399 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





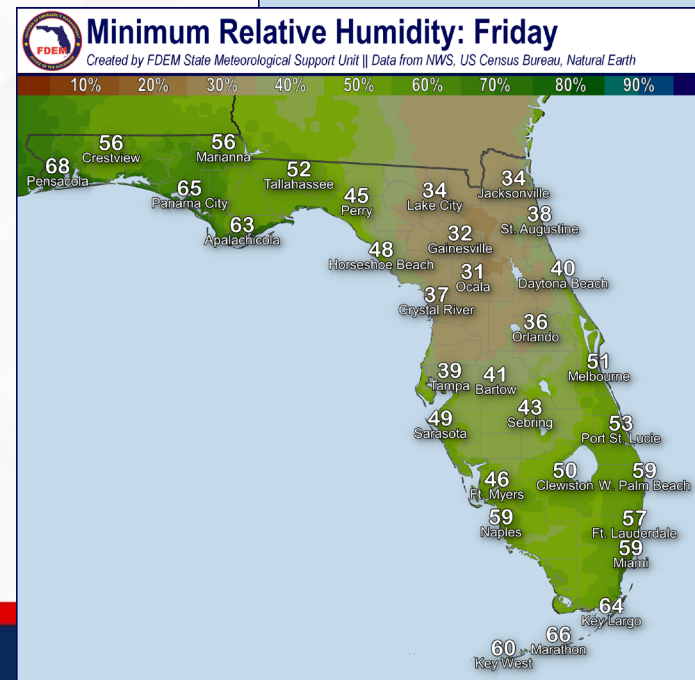
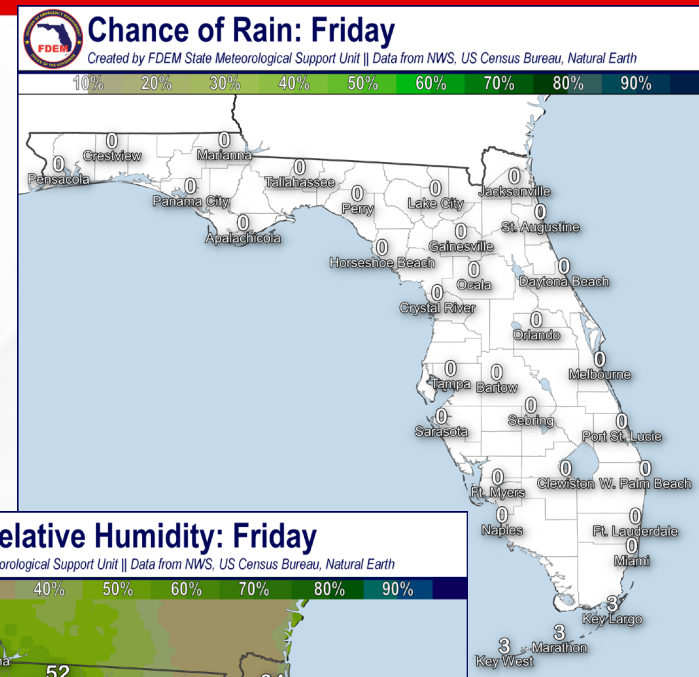
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Clear skies this morning will give way to another sunny and dry day across the state as surface high pressure remains anchored over the Southeast U.S. Chances of rain will remain zero as dry air holds in place, which will help to bring relative humidities to **near critical thresholds (30-35% RH values)** this afternoon across Northeast and North-Central Florida. **Locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may develop across much of Northeast Florida given the ongoing long-term drought, even with some recent rainfall.

High temperatures will be seasonable today, reaching the middle to upper 60s across North Florida, lower to middle 70s in Central Florida, and middle to upper 70s across South Florida.

Dry conditions will continue to prevail overnight. Clear skies and increasing low-level moisture may lead to **patchy dense fog** development across much of the Suwannee Valley and Big Bend region overnight. **Patchy fog** cannot be ruled out across much of North Florida and along the I-4 corridor as well and **Dense Fog Advisories** may be issued as conditions warrant. Low temperatures will be the coolest across the Suwannee Valley overnight where lows into the lower to middle 40s can be expected. Lows will dip into the middle 40s to lower 50s across the rest of North Florida overnight. In Central Florida, lows will reach the lower to middle 50s and upper 50s to lower 60s in interior South Florida. Coastal regions of South Florida will only reach the upper 60s to lower 70s overnight.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for most Panhandle, Space Coast, and Treasure Coast beaches today with a **high risk for rip currents** expected for Southeast Florida beaches where some lingering elevated surf will remain. A low risk will return to West Coast and Northeast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Ocean swells will diminish today along much of the entire East Coast with surf of **2-4'** expected. A few waves **upwards of 5'** cannot be ruled out in the surf zone off Southeast Florida. Wave heights of 1-2' can be expected for all West Coast and Panhandle beaches.

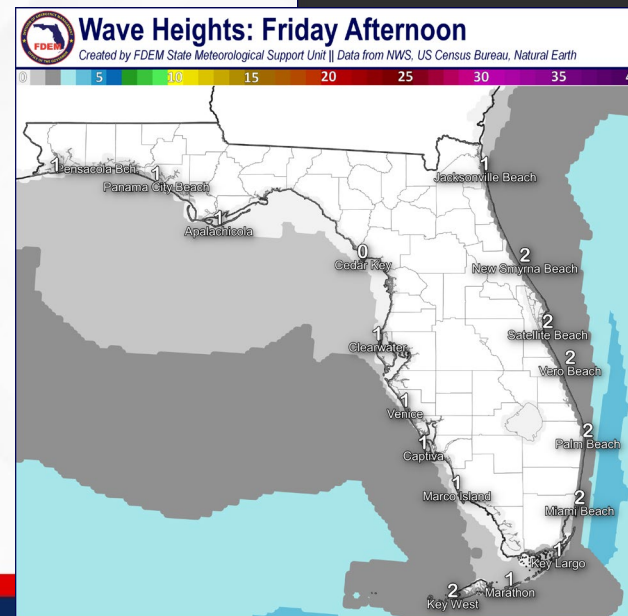
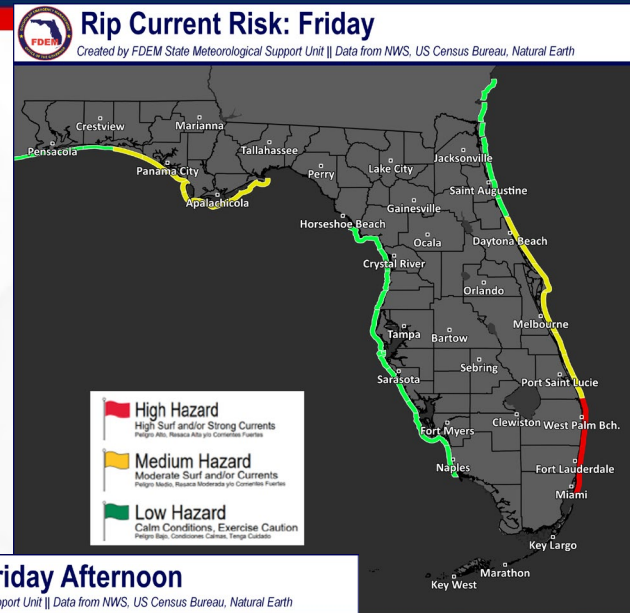
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** along the Bay County coastline and background to **low concentrations** offshore Franklin and Gulf County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the East Coast (valid 12/5).

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 across Florida. For more information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.61 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.13 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



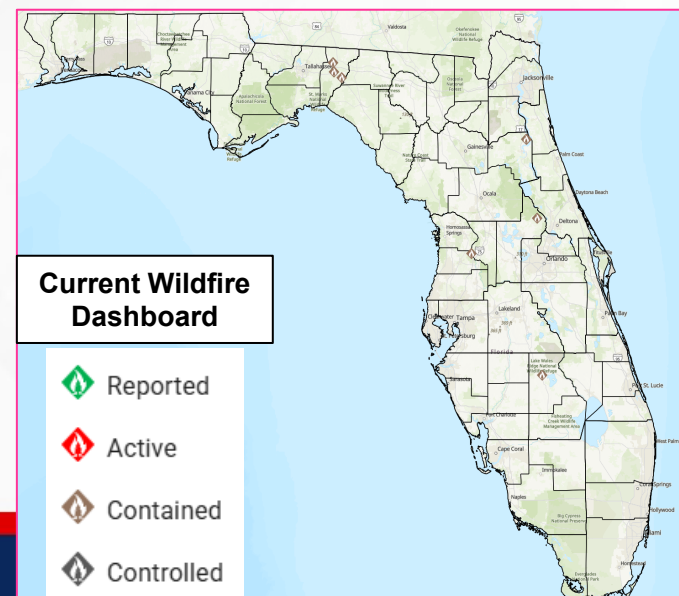
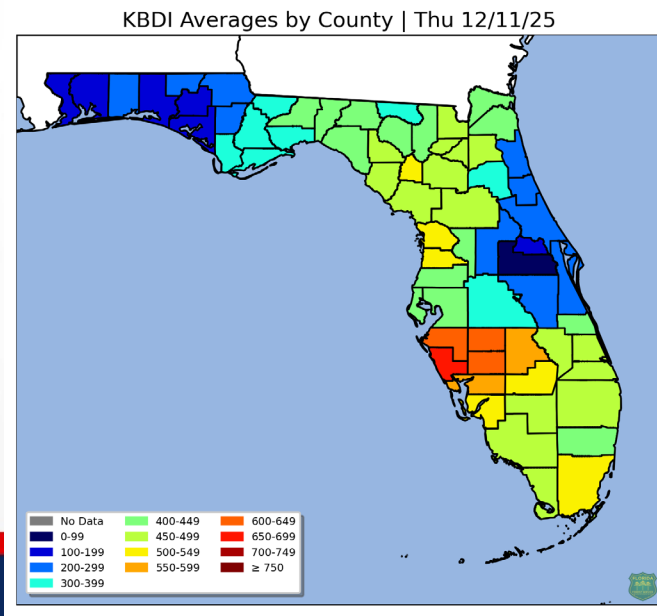
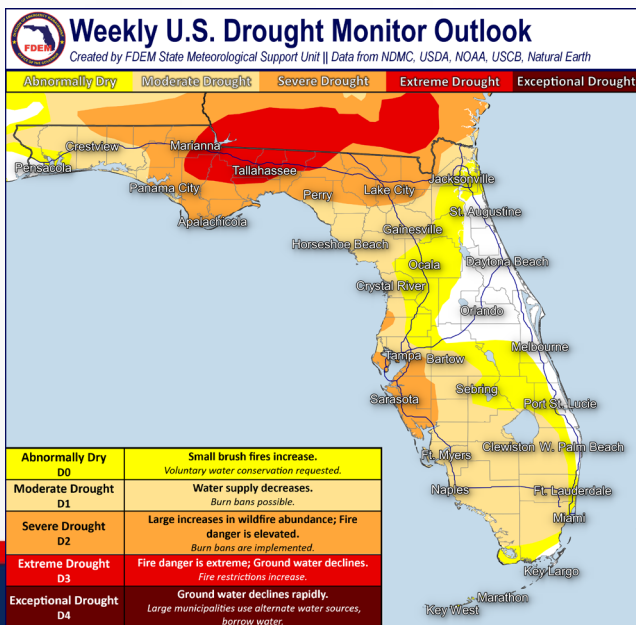


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will remain across the state as high pressure builds in across the Southeast U.S. Winds will remain generally light today, however relative humidities will approach critical thresholds across Northeast and Central Florida this afternoon (30-35% RH values). Given the ongoing long-term drought that is in place or continues to develop, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** cannot be ruled out even with some recent rainfall wetting the topsoils. Across West-Central Florida and the Florida Panhandle, **locally sensitive wildfire conditions** may also develop this afternoon given the ongoing drought. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 9 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 192 acres.

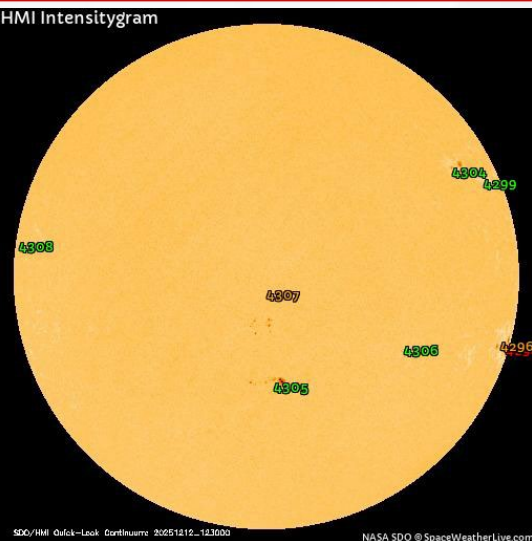
Drought (12/11): Widespread rainfall totals of 2-4 inches was observed across the Panhandle and North Florida over the past week as numerous rounds of showers and thunderstorms rolled through the area the past weekend and early this week. As a result, this week's Drought Monitor outlook features some reduction in drought categories across much of North Florida. Last week's Exceptional Drought has been downgraded to an **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** across portions of Jackson, Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, and Madison counties. **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in place cross much of the I-10 corridor from Baker County to Holmes County in North Florida, with **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** across the rest of the western Panhandle and southward across the southern portions of the Suwannee River Valley. Some slight reduction in the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was seen over coastal West-Central Florida of northern Hillsborough and Pinellas County where some localized rainfall totals of 4-6 inches was observed in the past week. However, just south of that, expansion of the **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** was added over southern Sarasota and coastal Charlotte Counties where rainfall largely missed. A general couple of tenths of rain were observed over South Florida in the past week, not enough to curb the developing drought. Expansion of the **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** was added to this week's outlook across much of interior South Florida, with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions expanding to the Southeast Florida coastline. Although shorter-term rainfall departures are above normal due to the recent rainfall, portions of North Florida are still under a long-term rainfall deficit (60-90 days) and drought conditions will persist. Additionally, rainfall chances will remain very low over the next week, or longer, which may lead to a resumption of deteriorating drought conditions.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **399 (+3)** 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).

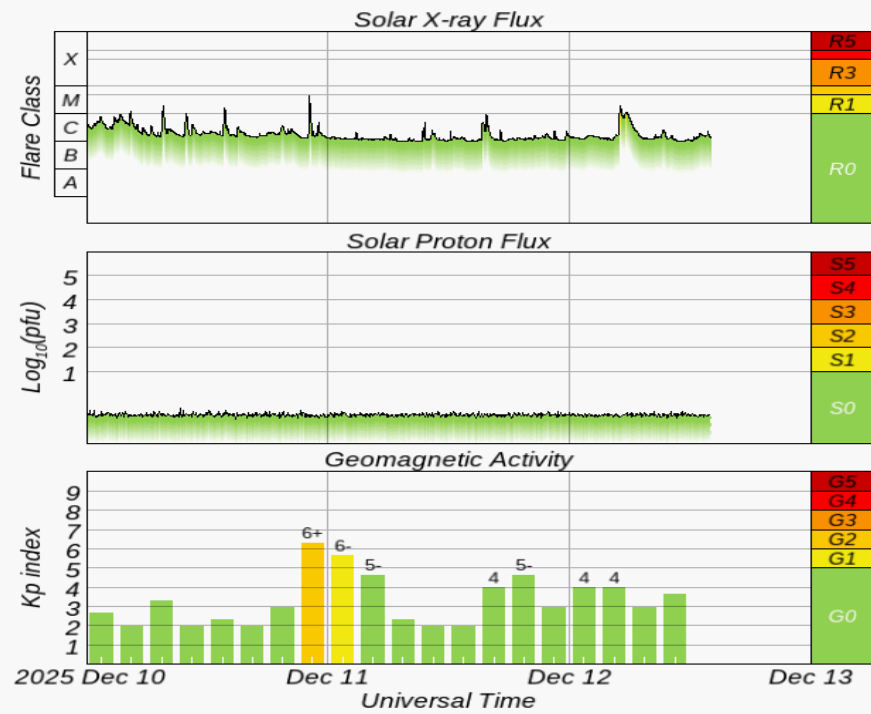
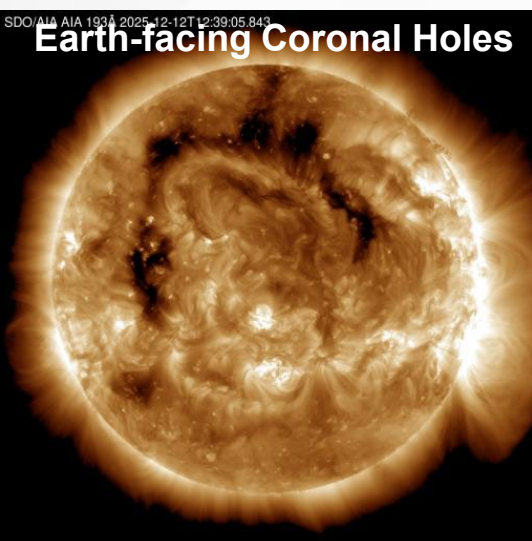




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 60%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/12	12/13
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

Space Weather: The large sunspot complex from the past week has finally moved off the western limb of the Sun, however a few Earth-facing sunspots will still pose a threat for a few strong (M-class) solar flares and a slight chance for a significant (X-class) solar flare. 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 will likely remain enhanced with additional enhancements late Friday as coronal hole high solar stream (CH HSS) effects return. The Earth's geomagnetic field will remain at quiet to unsettled levels before CH HSS influences bring isolated active levels this weekend. 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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