



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, December 19, 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	Office Admin / Regional Meeting Follow-up
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Office Admin
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Polk	FLCOCO Tour
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Office Admin
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	Region 8 Quarterly Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	EM Partners Meeting (AM) / Leave (PM - see coverage)



Region 4 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 5
Region 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6
Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Holmes	F-ROC DRA Assistance
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Out of Region	Leave
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Leon	Day Trip
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	FEPA Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Leon	Off-Boarding
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Quarterly Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2/4

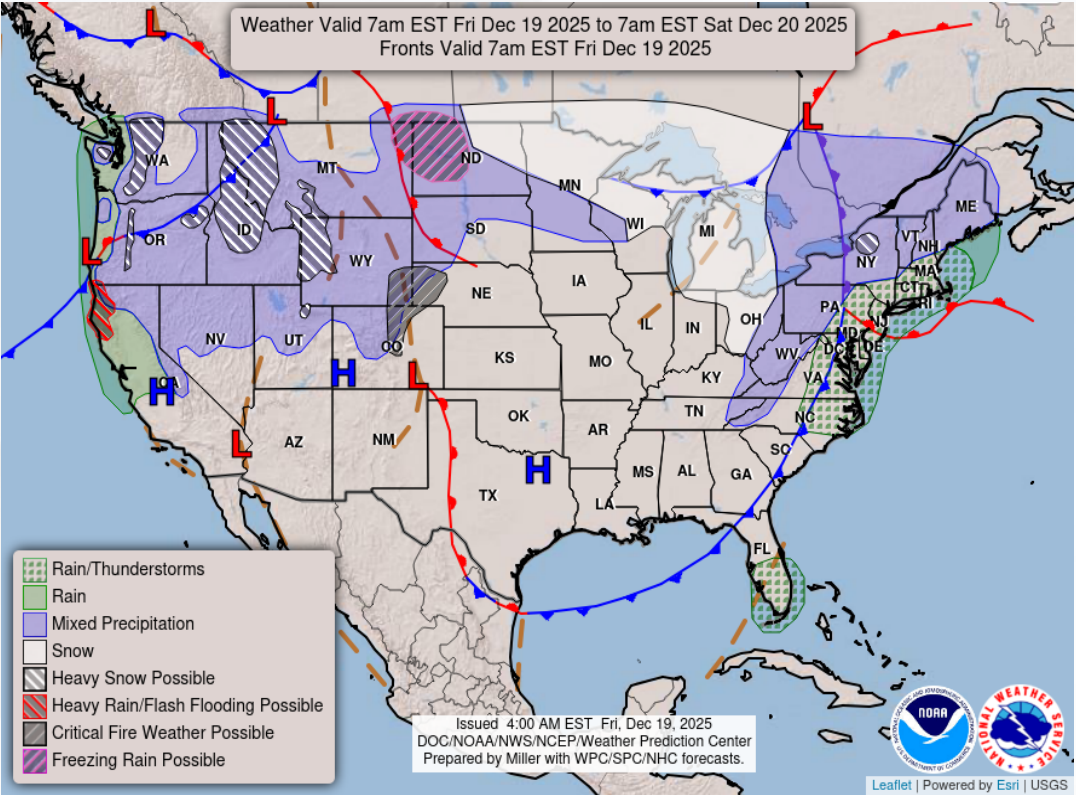
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Region 10 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 8

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

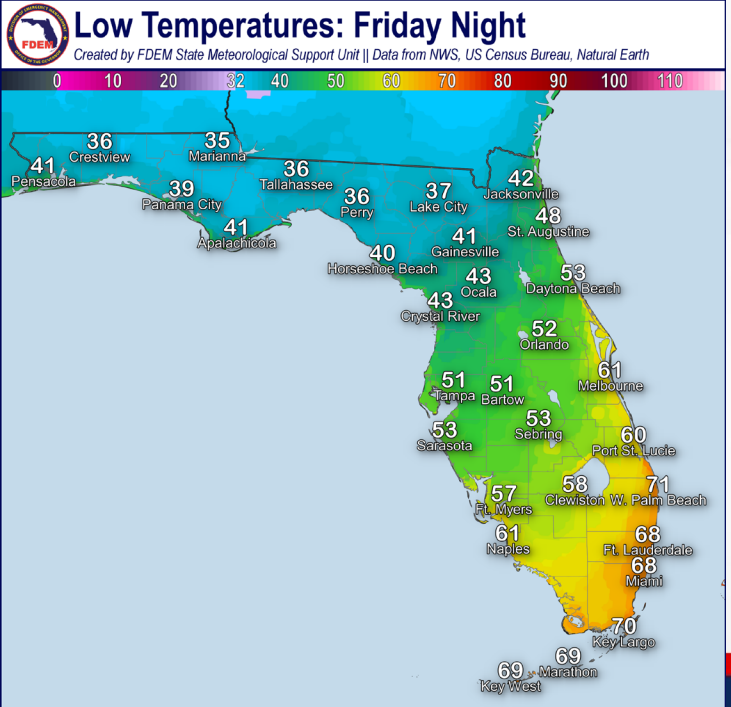
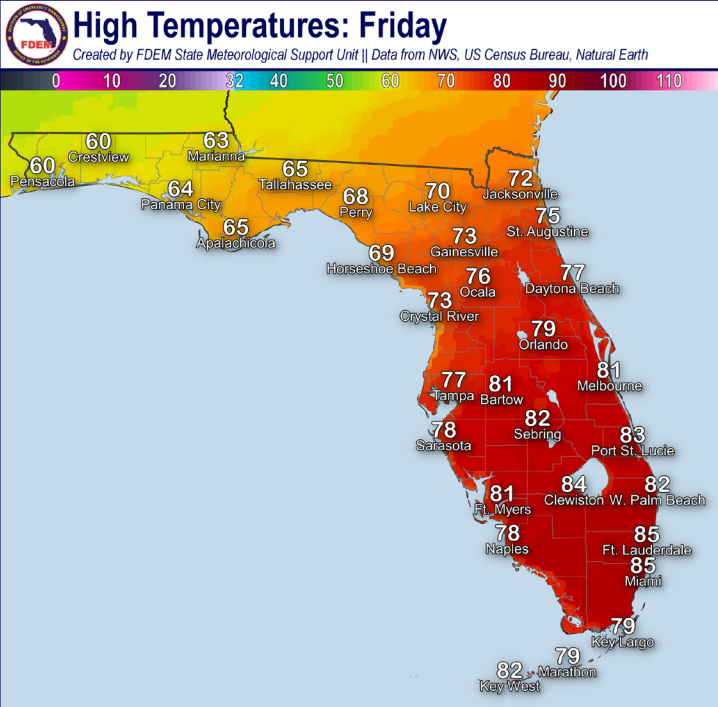


Meteorology Summary



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	L	L	L						
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Rip Currents	H	H	L	M	M	L		M	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.54 ft. (1.16 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	423 (+4) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





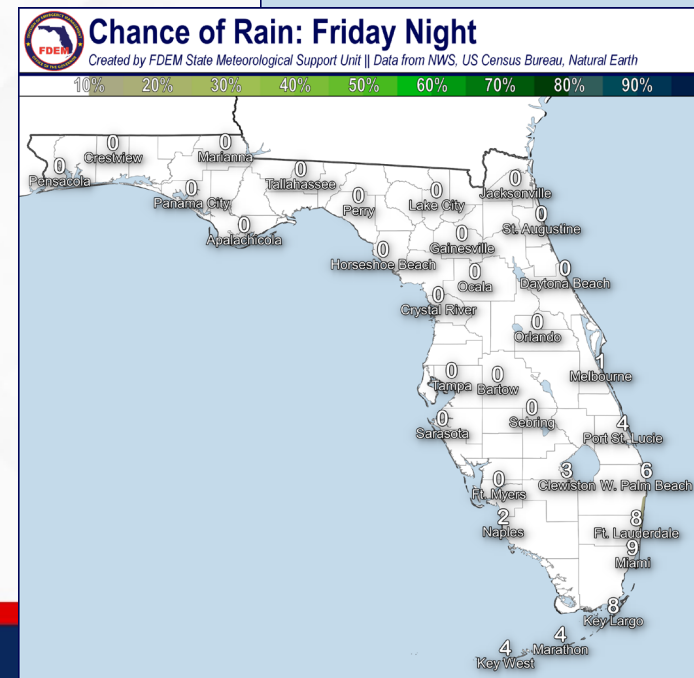
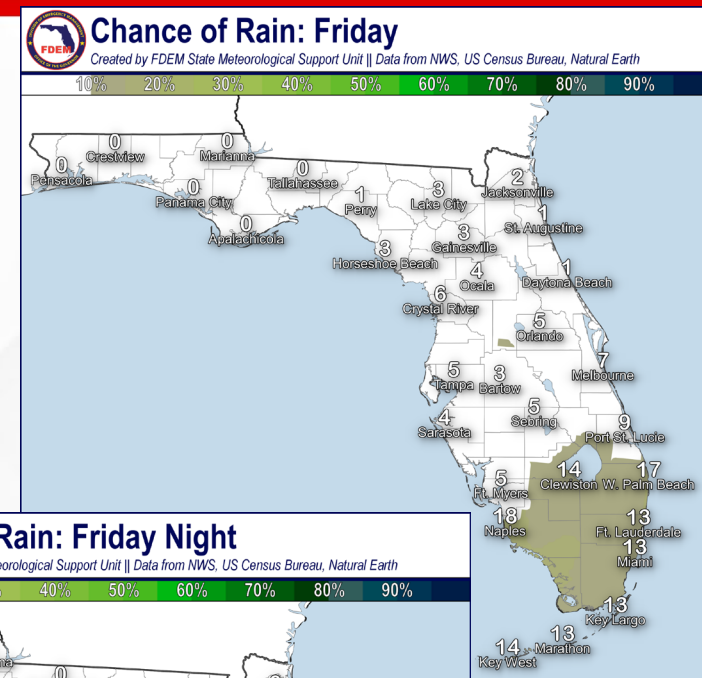
Meteorology Summary

Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure will begin to settle across the Southeast U.S. today as a dry front passes through the remainder of the state. A few brief sprinkles across South Florida and the Keys this morning (10-15% chance of rain) will quickly dissipate giving way to a dry and pleasant day statewide. The wildfire risk today will remain lower given the saturated vegetation from yesterday's rainfall, however relative humidities will still dip low enough (40-45% RH values) and breezy winds with gusts **upwards of 20 mph** may still lead to **locally sensitive wildfire conditions**, especially in any areas experiencing the most severe long-term drought.

Over North Florida, high temperatures will reach the lower to middle 60s across the Panhandle and upper 60s to middle 70s for Northeast Florida and within the Suwannee River Valley. Highs in the upper 70s to middle 80s can be expected for Central and South Florida this afternoon.

Dry conditions will continue to prevail overnight. Low temperatures will cool off considerably over the Panhandle tonight, dipping into the **middle to upper 30s** for interior locations. Instances of **patchy frost** may develop, especially north of the I-10 corridor. Lows across Northeast Florida will also be cooler than normal, reaching the upper 30s to lower 40s. Central Florida can expect low temperatures in the lower to middle 50s with 60s throughout South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **high risk for rip currents** can be expected for all Panhandle beaches today as surf remains elevated and breezy winds develop this afternoon. A **moderate risk for rip currents** is expected for all West Coast and East Coast beaches today. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights along the East Coast will remain at **3-5'** today and tonight as ocean swells linger. Similarly, onshore winds and a lingering swell will bring surf of **2-4'** for all Panhandle beaches, diminishing to 1-2' overnight. Waves of 1-2' can be expected for all West Coast beaches today with a few waves **upwards of 3'**. Southeast Florida beaches will see waves of 1-2' today.

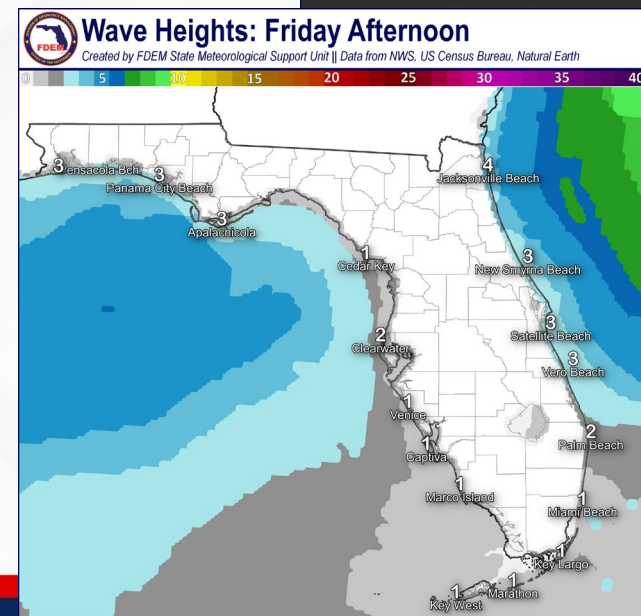
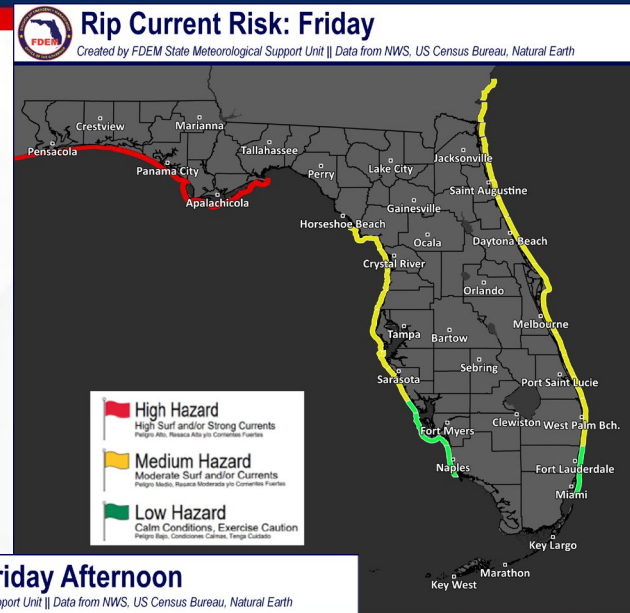
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in both Bay and Gulf counties and background to **low concentrations** in Franklin County. Red Tide was not observed in Southwest Florida or along the Florida East Coast (valid 12/12).

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 13.54 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.16 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



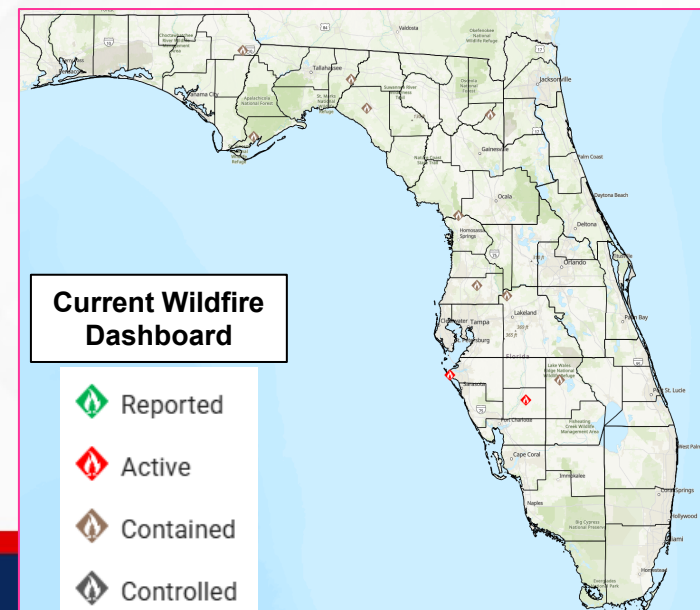
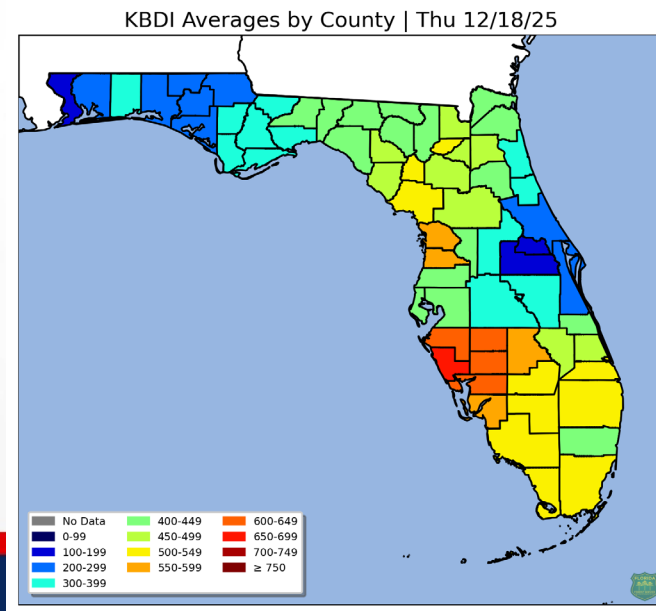
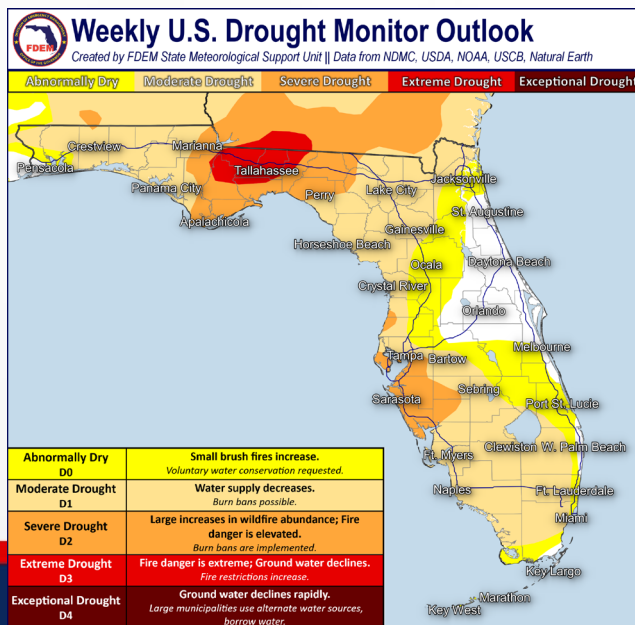


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions will return to the Sunshine State as a dry frontal passage pushes yesterday's rainy activity offshore. Relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds across North Florida today (40-45% RH values), though breezy winds with gusts **upwards of 20 mph** may promote a **localized wildfire risk** this afternoon, especially in any areas experiencing the most severe drought. However, saturated vegetation from yesterday's rainfall will keep the overall wildfire threat low. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 11 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 136 acres.

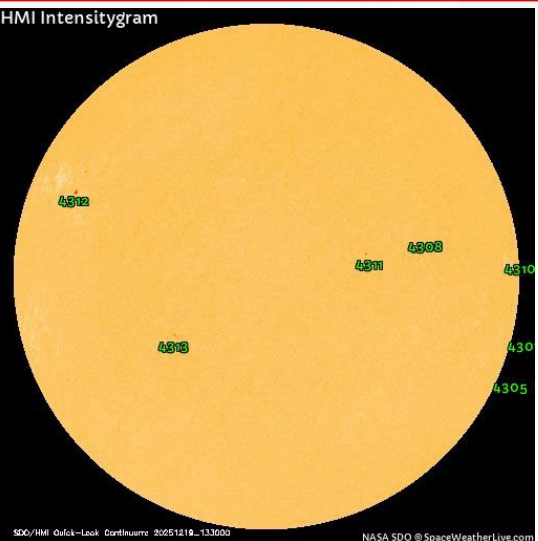
Drought (12/18): Plentiful rainfall of 3-6 inches has fallen over much of the Panhandle over the past two weeks which has allowed for some modest relief in the long-term drought conditions, outlined in this week's latest Drought Monitor outlook. West of SR 231, any severe drought from last week's outlook has been reduced to a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where the heaviest rainfall has fallen. A **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** is still in place across the Big Bend region, though has been reduced back to a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** over the I-10 corridor across Northeast Florida and the Suwannee Valley. **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place across northern Liberty, Gadsden, Leon, and Jefferson counties where 2-4-inch rainfall totals have fallen in the past two weeks, with parts of Jackson, Calhoun, and Madison counties reduced to a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)**. However, 60 to 90-day rainfall departures remain below normal (3-5 inches below normal) over all North Florida which has kept at least some drought category in place despite the recent rainfall. On the contrary, rainfall has been harder to come by across West-Central Florida near the Tampa Bay metro where a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)** has been slightly expanded to include more of Hardee and DeSoto counties. Here, 3-month rainfall departures have begun to near 7 inches in some localized areas. A **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** remains in place across nearly all South Florida south of Lake Okeechobee, with abnormally dry (*emerging drought*) conditions in place along coastal Southeast Florida. Additional rainfall is expected on Thursday (12/18) across the Panhandle which may lead to additional drought relief, though will be reflected in the next week's outlook. Dry and warm conditions will return across the state this weekend and early next week, which may bring additional drought deterioration, especially over Central and South Florida.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **423 (+4)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **19** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

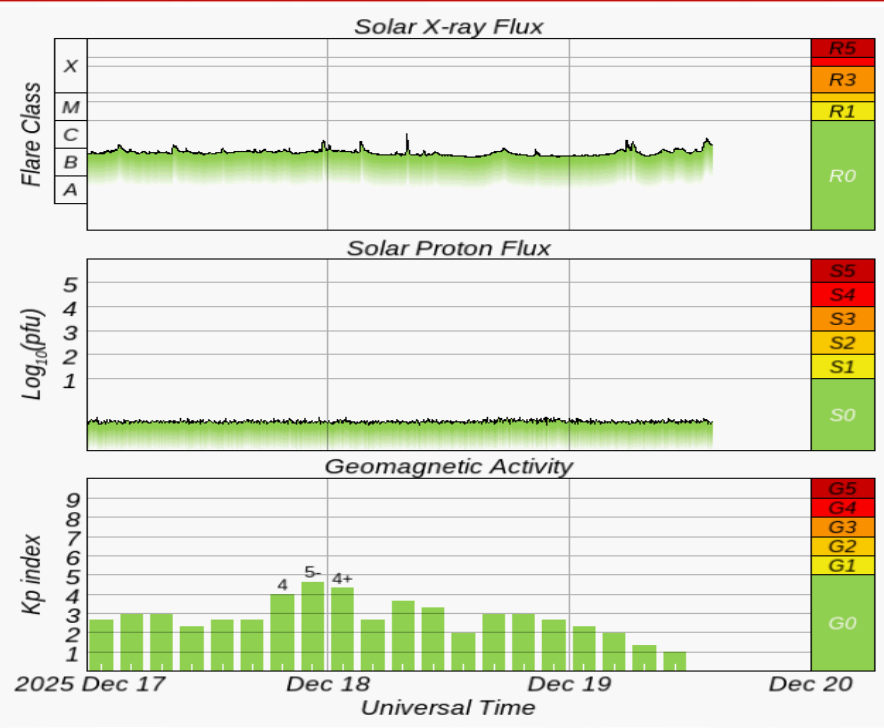
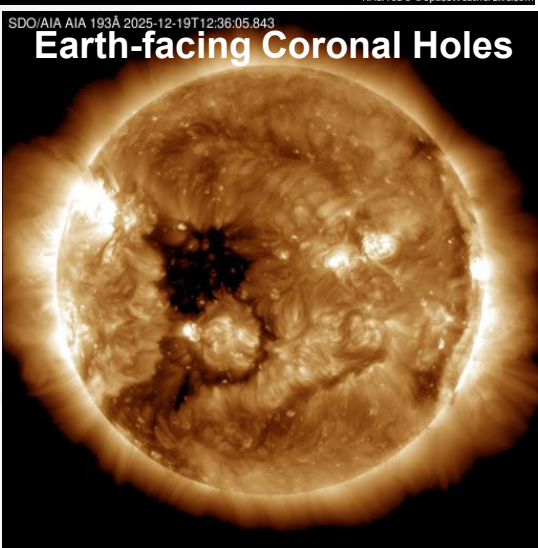




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
12/19	12/20
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: With all the current sunspots having stable magnetic fields and keeping quiet, low solar activity can be expected to persist through the weekend. Should any strong (M-class) solar flares erupt, they will be capable of producing minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. Solar wind conditions will slowly diminish heading into the weekend as coronal hole influences wane with background conditions returning by Sunday. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be quiet to unsettled today and Saturday with waning coronal hole influences with mostly quiet conditions prevailing by Sunday. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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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