



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Tuesday, January 20, 2026



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	FDOH Regional Planners Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jackson	EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Levy	Powerline Safety Training / ARC Meeting
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay, Miami-Dade	UCF Intern Meeting / Jax Ready Fest Meeting / Travel to Region 10
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	Central Florida Cyber Coalition / Office Admin
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Miami-Dade	ESF 8 Meeting / St. Lucie AA Call / Travel to Region 10
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Shelter Decommissioning Meeting / Pediatric Task Force Meeting
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee, Miami-Dade	SWFLHCC Pediatric Care Task Force / Travel to Region 10
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	FAC Workshop / FIU AIDP Planning Meeting / World Cup Planning Meeting



Region 8 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	Walton	EM Partners Meeting / Team Call
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Inventory Admin / Team Call
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Dixie	LTRG Meeting / Team Call
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Vehicle Maintenance / Team Call
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Meeting with 810 (V) / Team Call
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Meeting with 808 (V) / Team Call

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

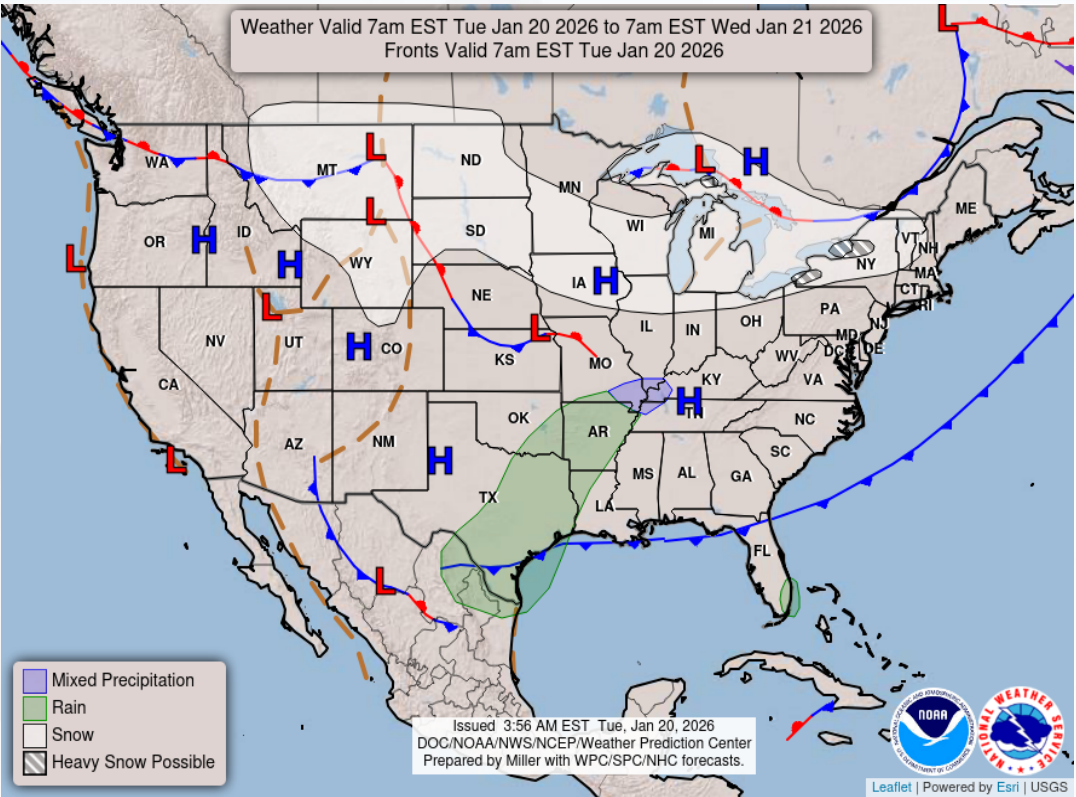
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 6 & 8

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

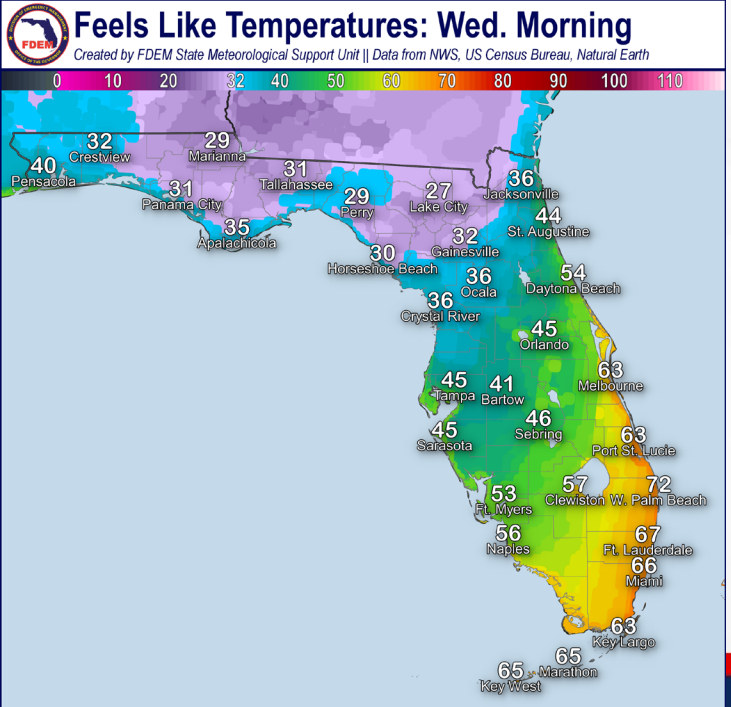
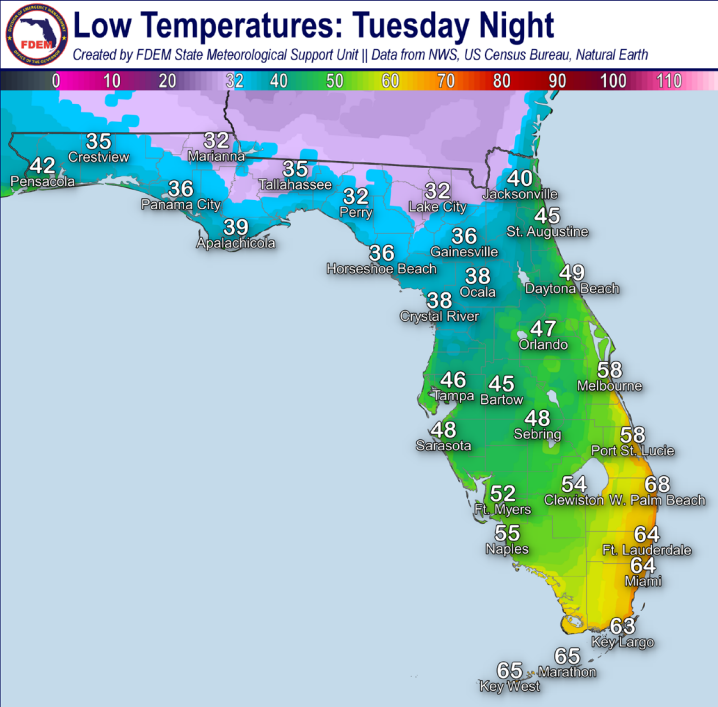


Meteorology Summary



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	M	M	M						
Wind Chill (Overnight)	L	L	L	L						
Wildfire	L	M	L	L	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	M		M	M	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	13.04 ft. (1.66 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	466 (-11) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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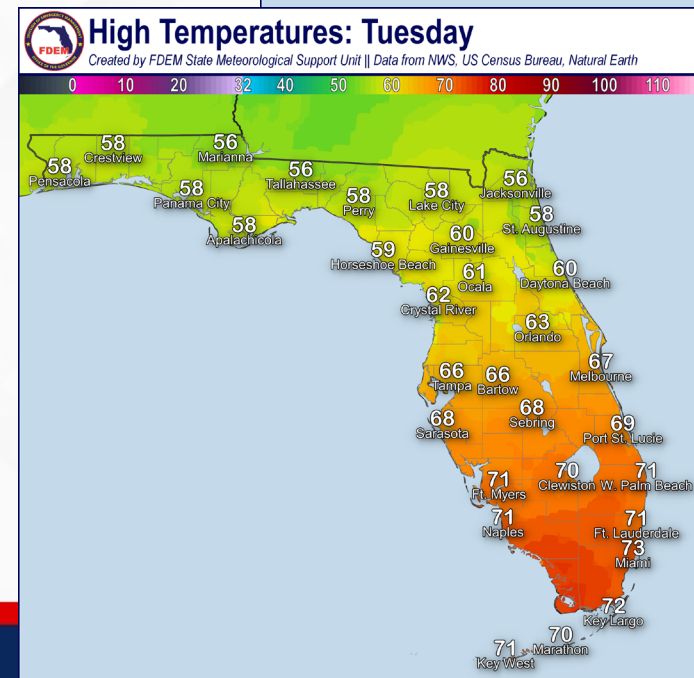
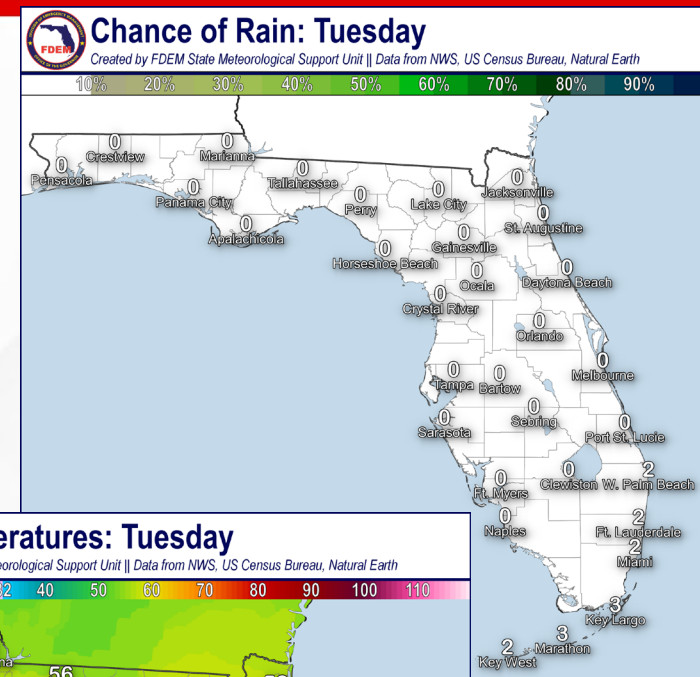
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Another cold start to the morning throughout North and Central Florida following the cold blast of air from the weekend. High pressure over the Southeast U.S. will continue to plenty of sunshine throughout the day. A near-zero chance of rain expands across the Sunshine State as drier air remains in place. This drier air will continue to promote **sensitive wildfire conditions** with relative humidity values dropping **near and into critical thresholds** across most of the state this afternoon. Elevated wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will continue to develop across the Peninsula today, with stronger **wind gusts upwards of 20-30 mph** across South Florida by the late afternoon hours.

High temperatures will reach the middle to upper 50s across North Florida, middle to upper 60s across Central Florida and upper 60s to lower 70s across South Florida.

Clear and dry conditions can be expected to persist tonight across the state. One more round of **sub-freezing to freezing temperatures** can be expected along the I-10 corridor the upper Suwannee Valley tonight, leading to **widespread frost** development.

Low temperatures will fall into the **lower to middle 30s** across North Florida, **upper 30s** to upper 40s across Central Florida and 50s and 60s across South Florida. A **Freeze Watch** for the northern Suwannee Valley will likely become a **Freeze Warning** ahead of tonight's sub-freezing to freezing temperatures. **Feels-like temperatures** will remain in the **upper 20s to middle 30s** across North Florida and into the Nature Coast near sunrise Wednesday morning.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate risk for rip currents** can be expected to persist nearly statewide, with a **high risk** along Southeast Florida beaches due to lingering surf and elevated winds. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: East Coast beaches can expect to see ocean **swells of 3-6'** with locally **elevated surf of 7-8'** possible just offshore from Southeast Florida beaches. Panhandle and West Coast beaches can expect calmer conditions of 1-2'.

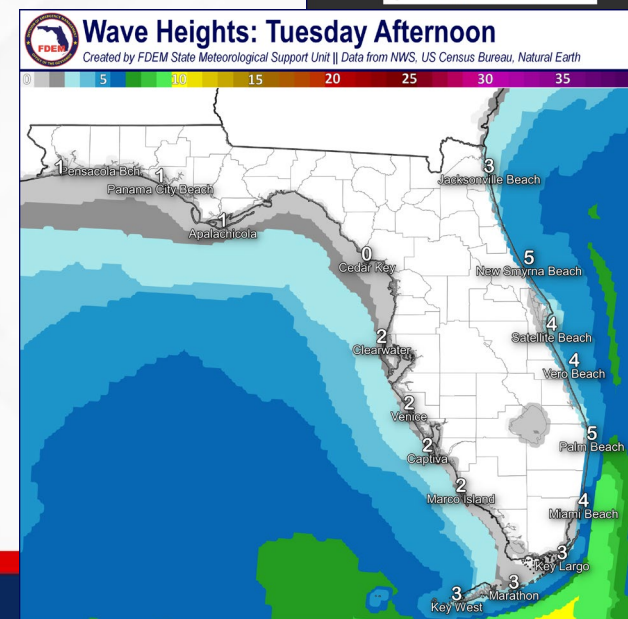
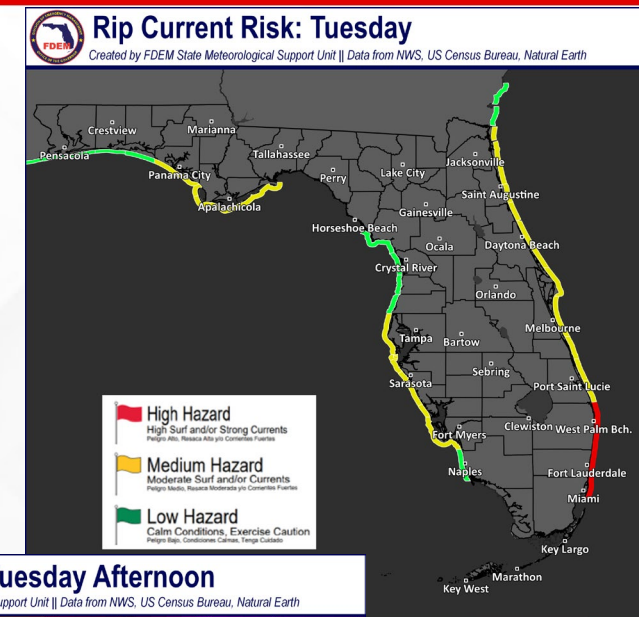
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay and Gulf counties and background to very low concentrations in Franklin and Walton counties. In Southwest Florida, red tide was also observed at background concentrations in Sarasota and Charlotte counties and offshore Collier County. It was observed at low concentrations offshore Monroe County. It was not observed along the East Coast (valid 1/16/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no risk for flash flooding.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.04 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.66 feet below normal for this time of year.



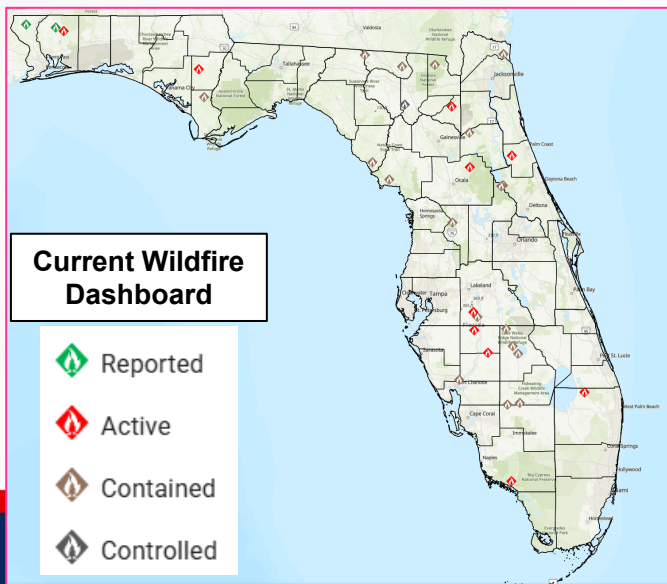
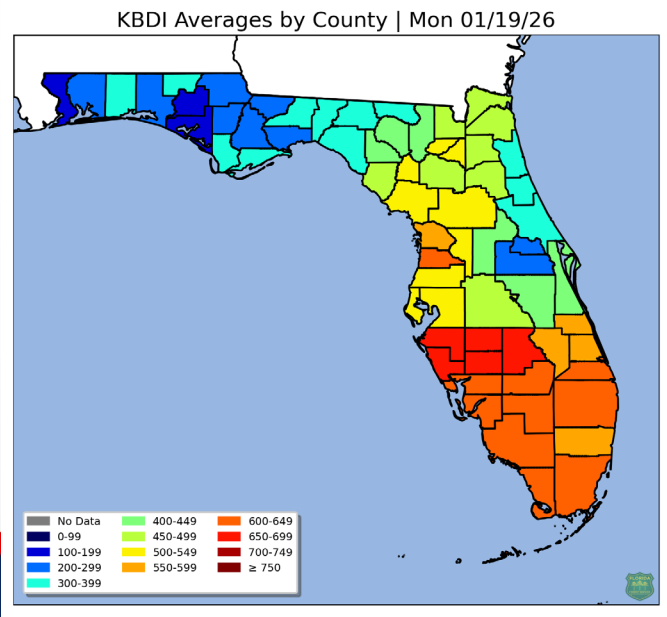
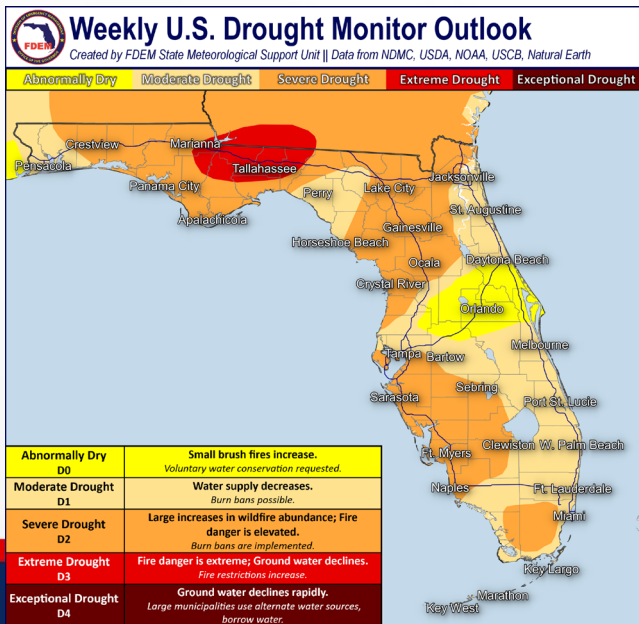


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Dry conditions can be expected to continue statewide as high pressure conditions dominate. Relative humidity values will fall **near or into critical thresholds** this afternoon across North and West Florida this afternoon (**30-35%**). Elevated wind **gusts of 15-20 mph** will continue across the Peninsula with stronger wind **gusts of 20-30 mph** possible throughout South Florida this afternoon. Ongoing drought conditions will lead to **sensitive wildfire conditions** statewide, even with the Panhandle and Big Bend receiving beneficial rainfall on Sunday. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 31 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1703 acres.

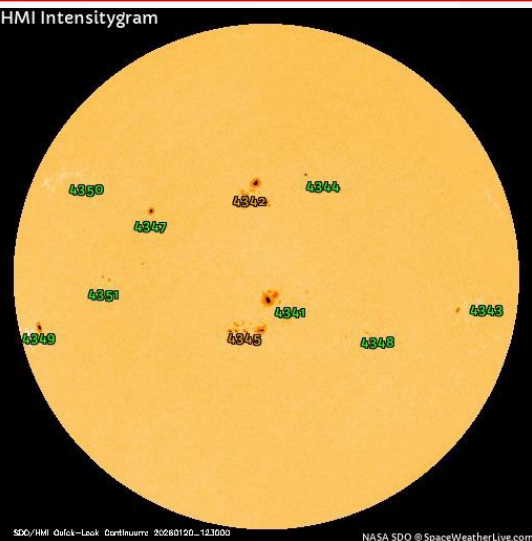
Drought (1/15/26): Although some rainfall fell across portions of the state in the last week, totals were meager and expansion of much of the drought was seen in the past week's drought monitor outlook. Rainfall totals were well below 1" across the Panhandle, which wasn't enough to relieve the very dry soil conditions. Additionally, streamflows continue to diminish to below normal thresholds. As such, a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was expanded to include much of the Panhandle, with only the far western portions remaining in **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)**. The ongoing **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** over the northern Big Bend was slightly expanded this week to include additional portions of Calhoun, Jackson, and Jefferson counties. Rainfall totals over the last week were slim, at best, across the I-10 corridor. A **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains in place along the northern portion of the I-75 corridor and Suwannee River Valley. Additional expansion of the **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** was introduced to West-Central and Southwest Florida where warm and dry conditions have prevailed. Although coastal Southeast Florida saw some coastal showers with rainfall totals upwards of 2", the developing drought has resulted in additional severe drought across interior Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. As of this drought monitor outlook, over 91% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **466 (-11)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **29** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





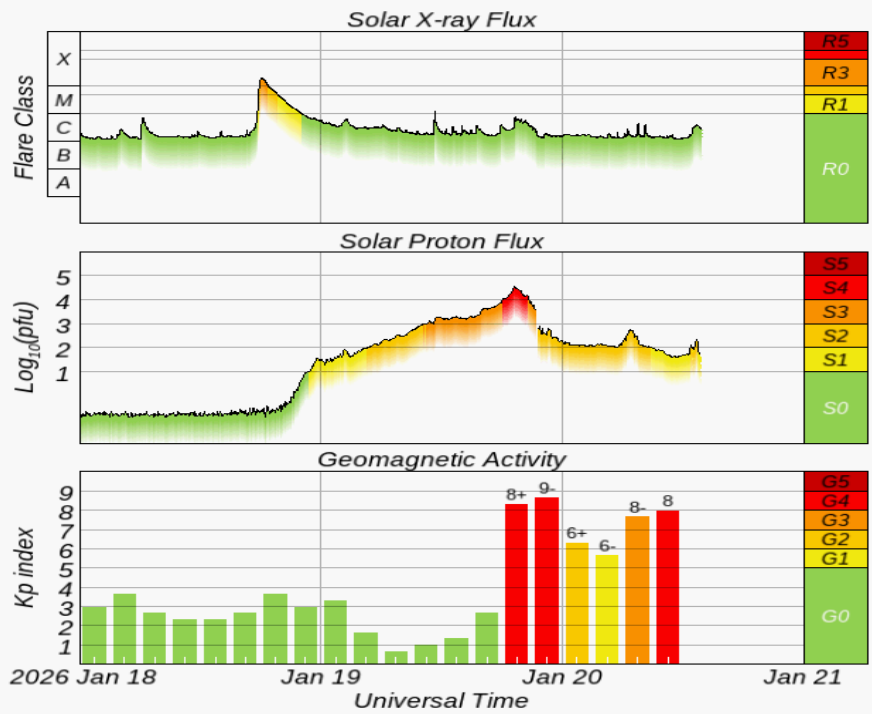
Space Weather



SDO/HMI Quick-Look Continuum 20260120_123000 NASA SDO @ SpaceWeatherLive.com



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 65%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C8 Solar Flare
X-class: 25%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
1/20	1/21
Max Kp= 8 (G4)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 35% severe activity = 35%	Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Moderate solar activity can be expected to continue today with a chance for strong to significant (M-class to X-class) solar flares due to several active sunspots (#4341, #4342, #4345). Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany M-class solar flares and strong (R3) radio blackouts will accompany X-class solar flares. Enhanced solar wind conditions are expected to continue today due to the recent Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) that struck yesterday. Coronal Hole High Solar Stream (CH HSS) winds will also continue today also helping to create the enhanced solar wind conditions. Minor (S1) solar radiation storms are expected to continue through today. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to continue to reach minor to severe (G1-G4) geomagnetic storming conditions following the impressive CME that struck yesterday, as well as the ongoing CH HSS winds. 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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Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178 or Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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