



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, January 23, 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	Walton	Course Material Drop-off
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	Road to Readiness Outreach Event
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Bradford, Union	County EM Visits
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Duval	Haystax Training
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Brevard	Artemis Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin (AM) / Leave (PM - See Coverage)
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	Exercise Planning Meetings / Regional T&E Meeting

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6

Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided By Response Coordinator 6



Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Region 1: Allison Blevins	Walton	Administrative Duties
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 3: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Duval	Haystax Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Brevard	Launch Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Pasco	County EM Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Palm Beach	FAU EM Meeting
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	New Employee Admin

Region 3 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2 & 4

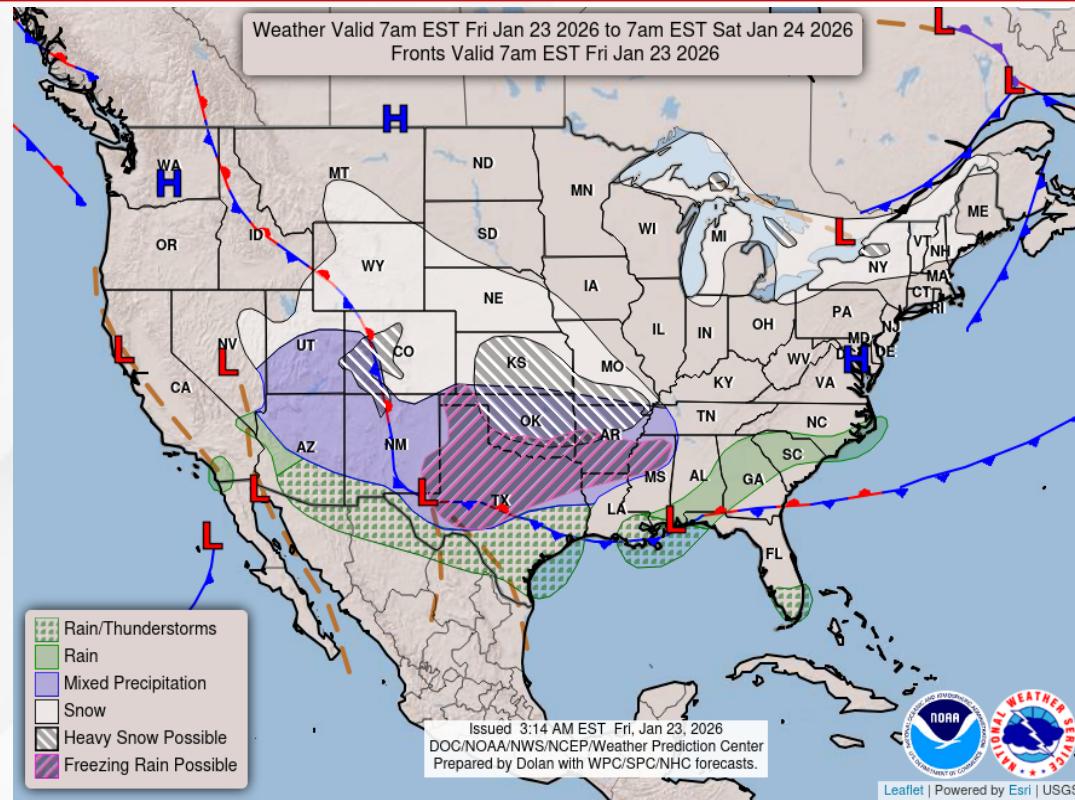
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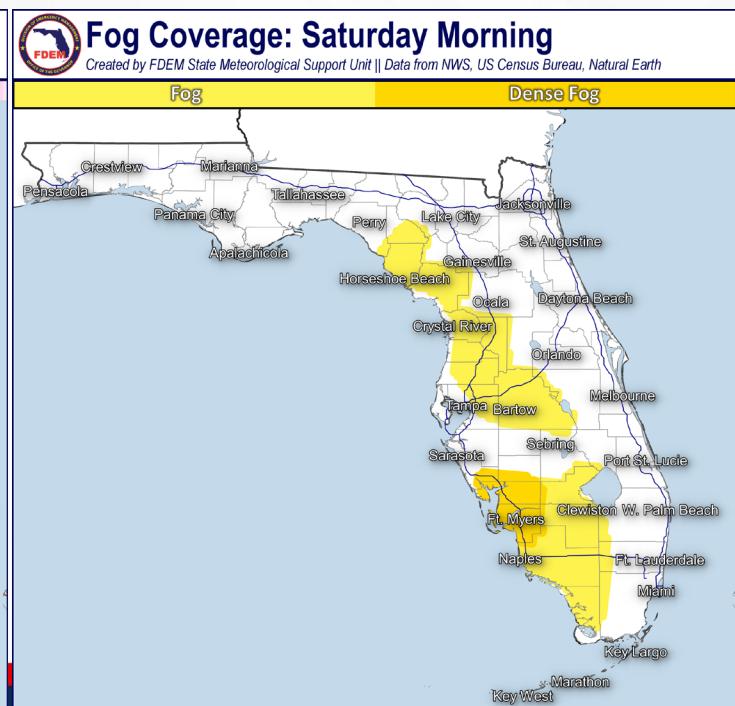
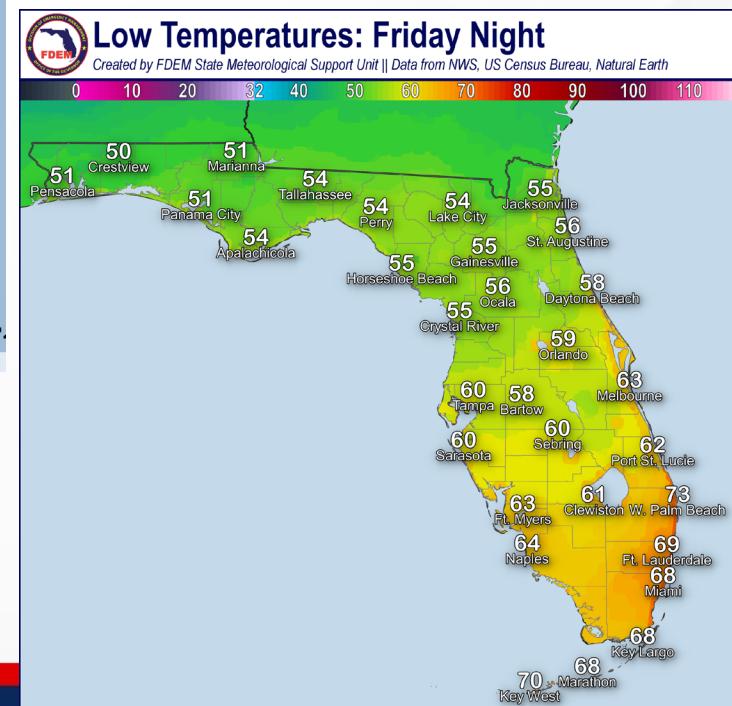
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In Region / Delayed Response
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Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map





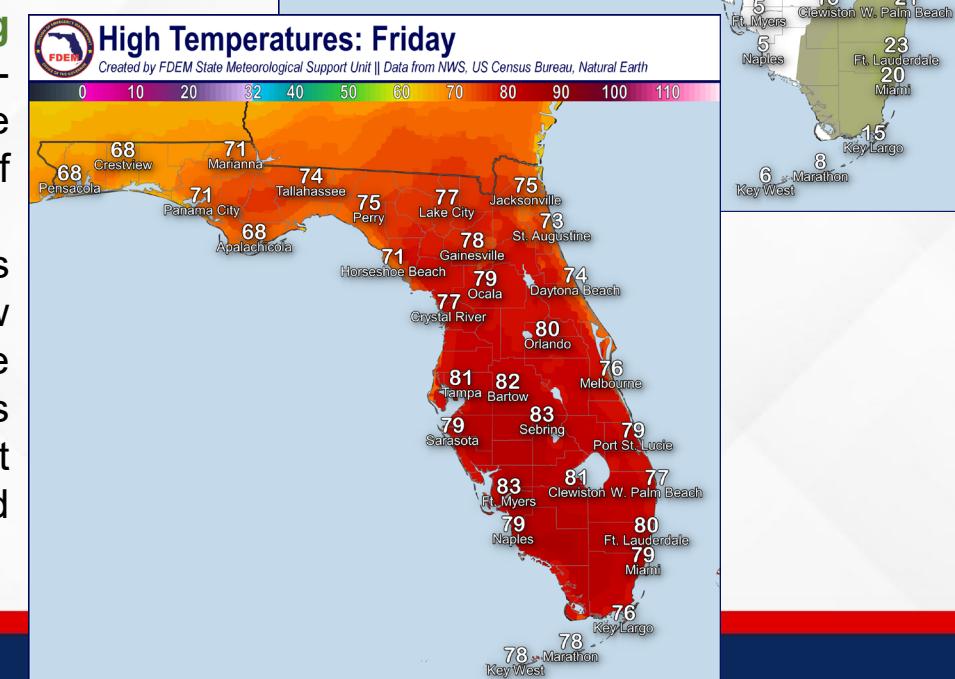
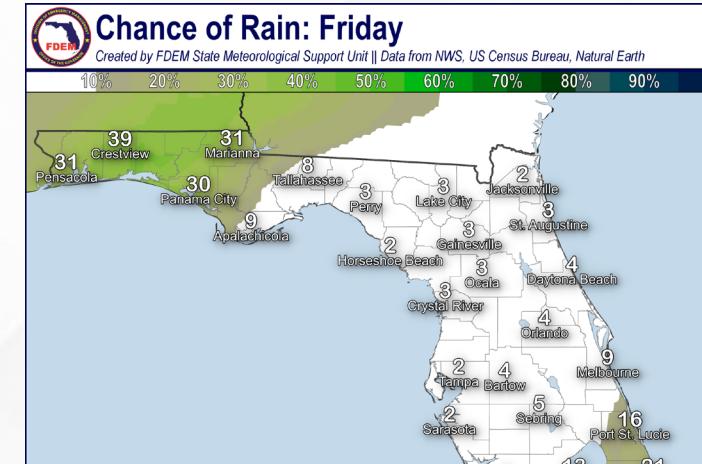
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The gradual warming trend will continue across the Sunshine State as high pressure continues to dominate. Afternoon temperatures will trend above normal for this time of year, with highs reaching the lower to upper 70s across North Florida and the upper 70s to middle 80s throughout Central and South Florida.

A few showers are expected along coastal Southeast Florida throughout the day, mainly remaining offshore across the local coastal waters. However, a few showers may drift onshore this afternoon and early evening as the local Atlantic and Gulf Sea breezes develop, potentially pushing into interior South Florida (15-25% chance of rain). While rainfall coverage will not be as widespread as yesterday, a few slow moving **locally strong** showers could lead to **nuisance street flooding and ponding of water** if any activity is able to develop over land, especially in urban and low-lying/poor drainage locations. A few light showers will also spread across the Panhandle this morning and early afternoon before dissipating (25-35% chance of rain).

Temperatures continue to moderate tonight, with lows in the lower to middle 50s across North Florida and upper 50s to lower 60s in Central and South Florida. A few showers may linger into the evening across South Florida, though will quickly dissipate before midnight (15-25% chance of rain). Lingering low-level moisture within today's prevailing easterly flow may support the development of **fog and low clouds** tonight into Saturday morning, with the greatest potential for **locally dense fog** and reduced visibilities across West-Central and Southwest Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **moderate to high risk of rip currents** for all Florida East Coast beaches today due to onshore winds and lingering elevated surf. A **moderate risk of rip currents** continues for many Florida Panhandle beaches, with a low risk persisting along the Florida West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Wave heights will continue to gradually subside along the Florida Atlantic Coast today, with breakers in the surf zone still reaching **2-4'** through the afternoon. Locally higher waves upwards of **5'** cannot be ruled out along portions of the Space Coast. Elsewhere, wave heights of 1-2' can be expected.

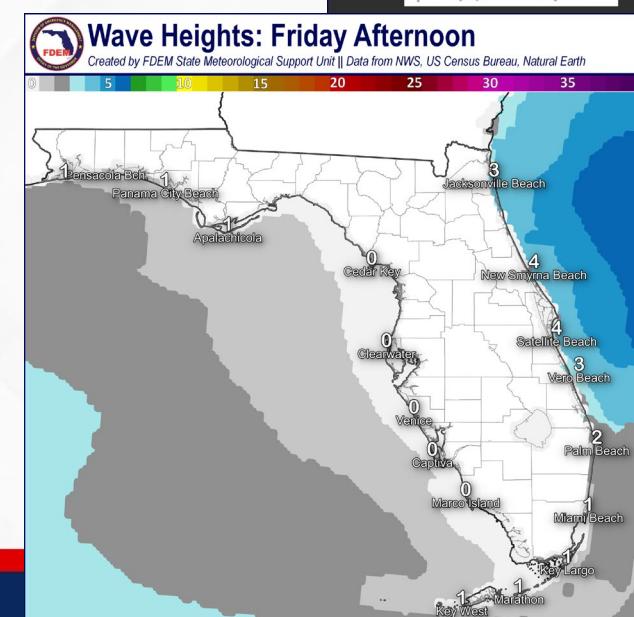
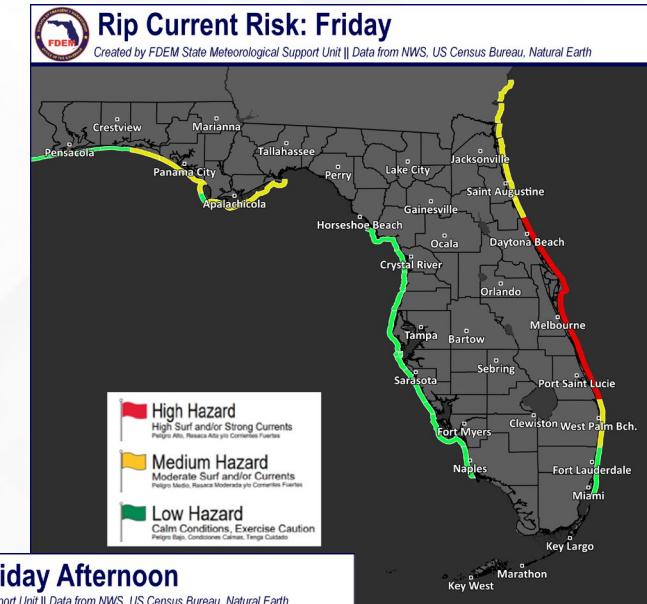
Red Tide was observed at background to **medium concentrations** in Bay and Gulf counties and background to very low concentrations in Franklin and Walton counties. In Southwest Florida, Red Tide was also observed at background concentrations in Sarasota, Charlotte, and offshore Collier County. It was observed at low concentrations offshore Monroe County (valid 1/16/2026).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today. Rainfall rates will be the primary trend to monitor as shower and thunderstorm activity will be slow-moving along the Southeast Florida Coast. The main forecast uncertainty is *how far inland* rain activity may advance versus remain just offshore within the coastal zones. Should heavier rainfall move onshore, **minor street flooding and ponding water** cannot be ruled out along and east of the I-95 corridor, with localized rainfall totals in excess of 3" possible.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 13.00 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.70 feet below normal for this time of year.



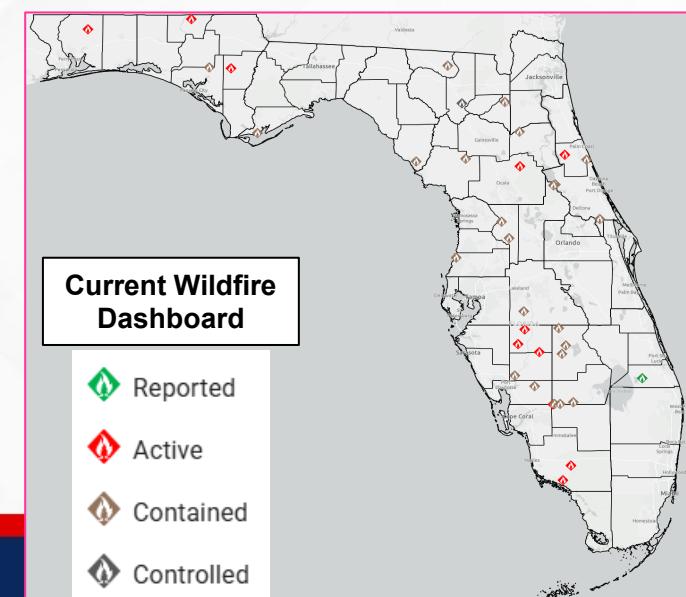
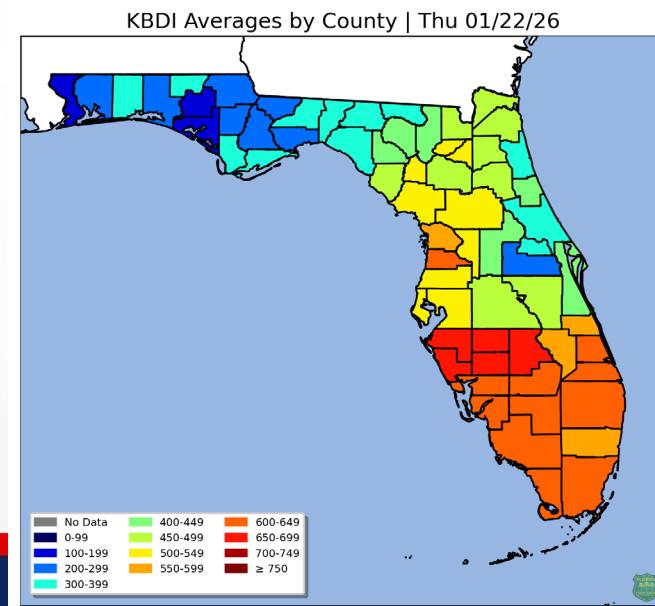
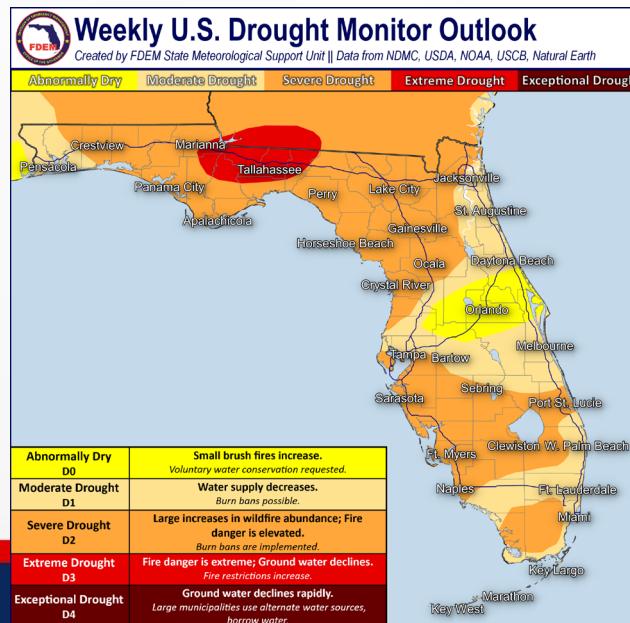


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidity values continue to recover across the Sunshine State today, courtesy of prevailing easterly winds. While values will remain well above critical thresholds statewide, pockets of 45-50% relative humidities can be expected across interior portions of Central Florida. The overall wildfire threat today will remain low with winds remaining low. With expanding drought and long-term dry conditions, **locally sensitive wildfire** conditions continue in the forecast this afternoon. Areas of **fog and low clouds** may develop tonight, leading to further reductions in visibility near or around any ongoing wildfires or burns. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 33 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 1597 acres.

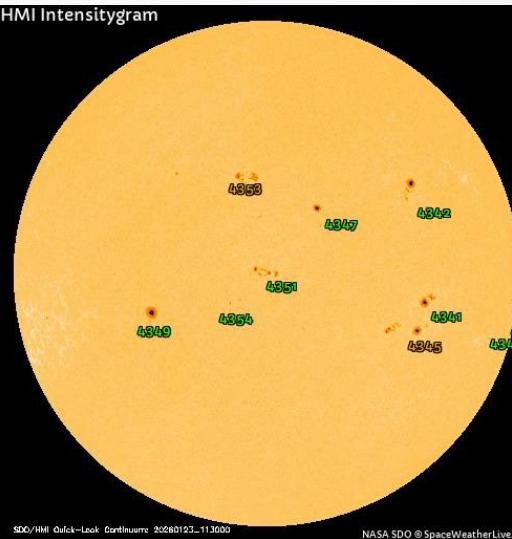
Drought (1/22/26): Light precipitation was observed across Florida over the past 7 days, with portions of the interior Florida Panhandle receiving precipitation as snowfall! However, rain and snow totals of 0.25 to 1" were insufficient to produce meaningful drought improvement. Rainfall totals continue to trend below for this time of year, both in the middle to long-range guidance, and streamflows across North Florida remain below low-flow thresholds. As a result, expansions of both **moderate (level 1 of 4)** and **severe (level 2 of 4) drought** were observed throughout the Sunshine State, particularly for the Florida Big and areas south of the I-4 corridor. **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** persists over the interior eastern Florida Panhandle and Big Bend as 60-day rainfall deficits continue to run at 2-3.5" below normal for this time of year. This now brings over 92% of the state is under a **moderate drought (level 1 of 4)** or worse on this week's Drought Monitor update.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **472 (+3)** 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).

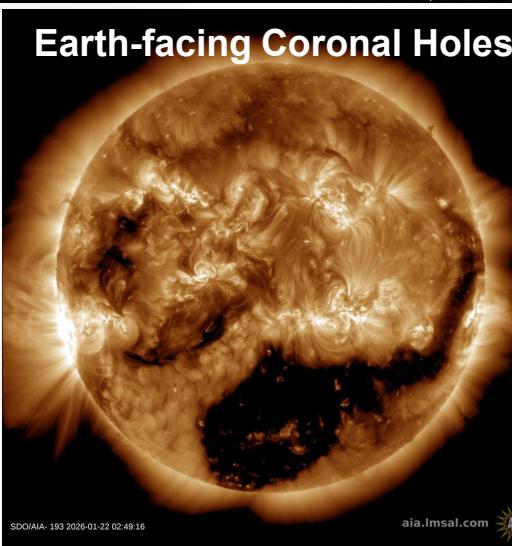




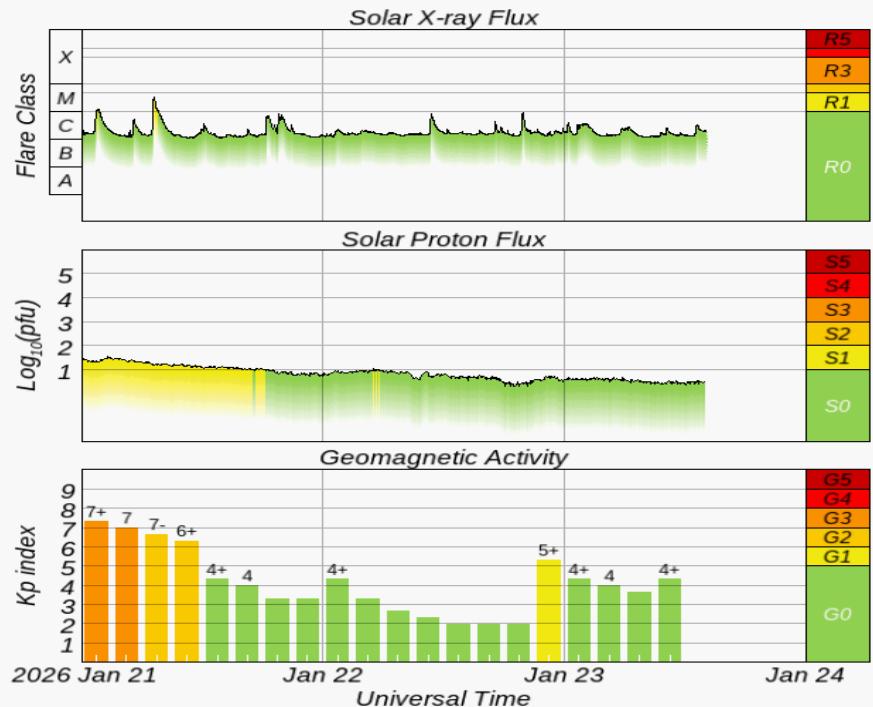
Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Earth-facing Coronal Holes



Space Weather: Solar activity is likely to remain at moderate levels today, with a slight chance for significant (X-class) solar flare activity. The elevated solar flare risk is primarily due to the potential of active sunspot regions 4351, 4342, and 4345. Minor to moderate radio blackouts may accompany the stronger and more organized flare activity. Solar wind conditions will gradually diminish today with some positive coronal hole influences through the weekend possible. The Earth's geomagnetic field is expected to be at unsettled to Minor (G1) levels today with lingering coronal hole influences. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected through the weekend. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 60%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C9 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout
48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast		
1/23	1/24	
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)	
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	



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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