



# **Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office**

## **Morning Situation Report**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026



# State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

**Level 2: Partial Activation**



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# Response Regional Coordination Team



Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden	End of Month Admin / Vehicle Maintenance / UAS Coordination Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Gulf	EMPA Grants Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	End of Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	St. Johns	Jax Ready Fest Meeting / Coordinator Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Brevard	Artemis II Launch
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas	EM Visits
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
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward, Miami-Dade	OVS UC Meeting / Turkey Point NPP Workshop

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

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	Out of Region	Leave
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Calhoun	Wildfire Recovery Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Bradford	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	St. Johns	RC 4 Team Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	Leadership Training
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Professional Development
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	FDOT District Visit
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	FDOT Visit

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

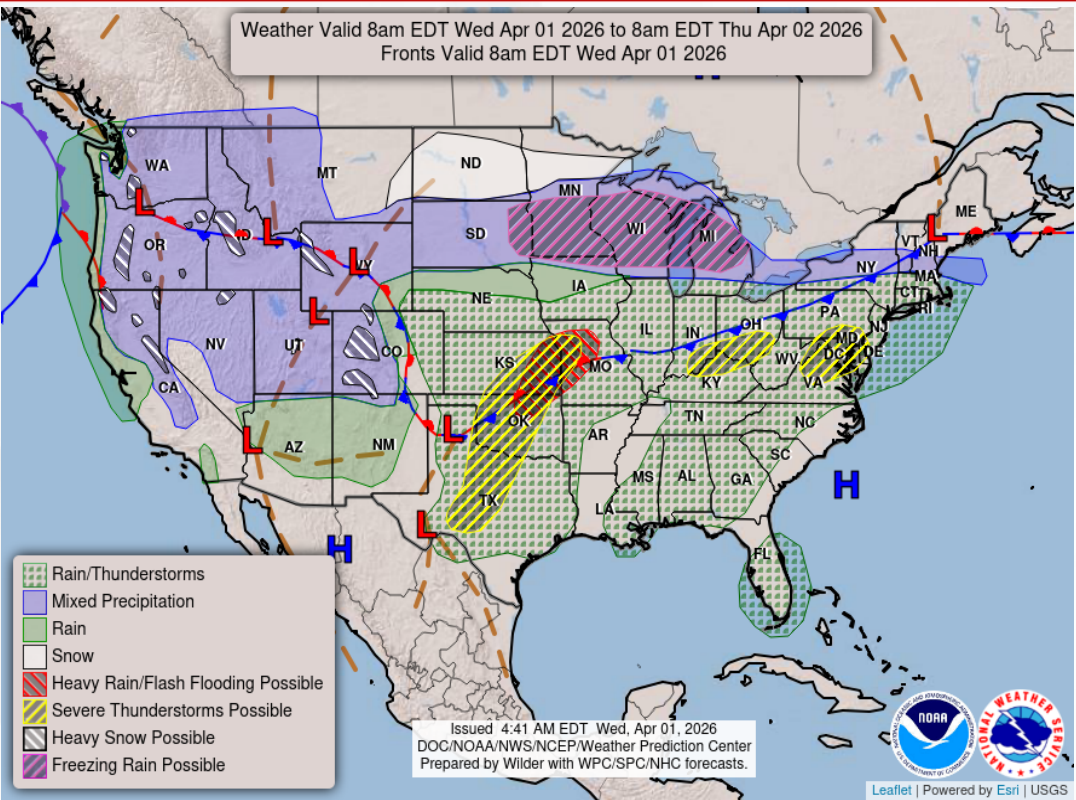
Region 7 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 6 & 8

Region 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 6 & 8

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

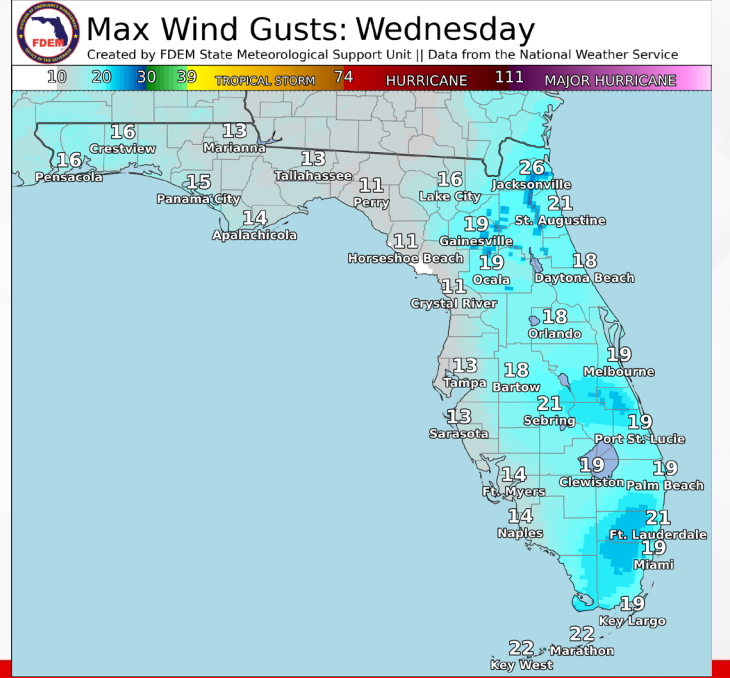
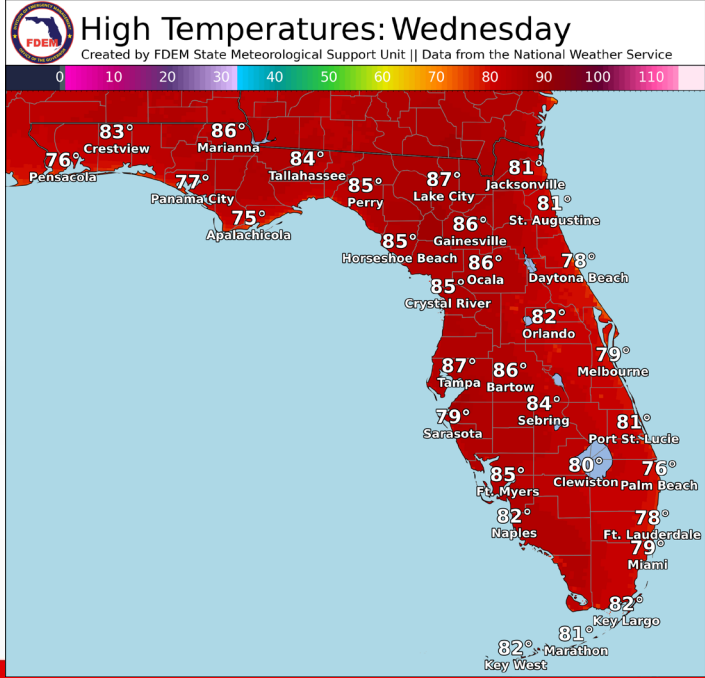


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L					L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	M	M	M	M	L	L	L			
Wildfire	L	L	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	H	H	L	M	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.02 ft. (2.29 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	480 (+3) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									



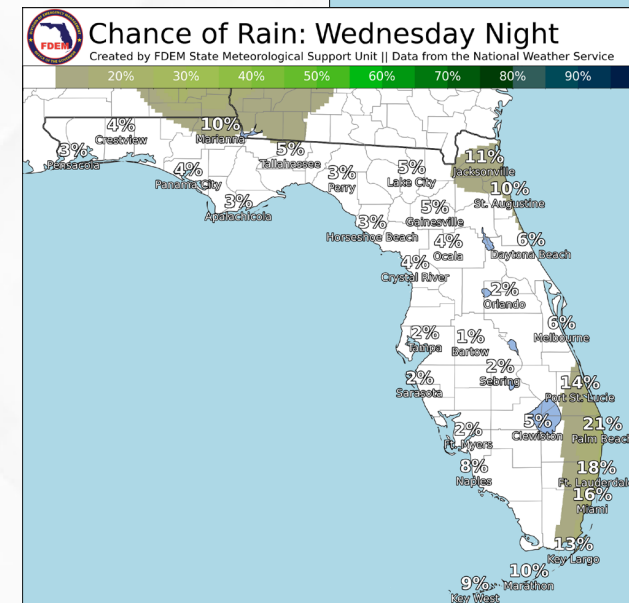
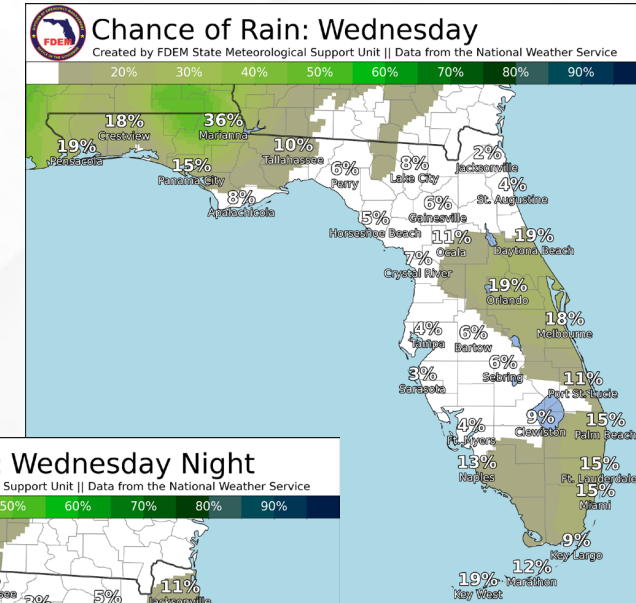


# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of **patchy dense fog** have developed throughout portions of the Panhandle and Northeast Florida this morning but will shortly dissipate after sunrise. Otherwise, another rinse and repeat of yesterday is expected today as high pressure over the western Atlantic hardly budges and dominates the local pattern. Moist south and east flow will continue to promote additional spotty chances for showers and thunderstorms across much of the state. However, drier air aloft in the atmosphere will limit greater coverage throughout the Peninsula today, with isolated activity remaining confined to East-Central and Southeast Florida (15-25% chance of rain). The greatest chance of rain will be over the northern Panhandle along the Gulf sea breeze this afternoon (30-50% chance of rain). Although there is no organized risk for severe weather, some of this activity could be accompanied by lightning, small hail, and a few **locally heavy downpours** capable of producing a **quick 1-3" of rain**. The easterly flow today will be accompanied by breezy wind gusts **upwards of 20 mph** throughout the Peninsula with locally higher gusts **upwards of 25 mph** across Northeast and Southeast Florida. Relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds today, though ongoing drought will keep **locally sensitive** to **elevated wildfire conditions** in place.

High temperatures will reach the middle 70s to middle 80s throughout the state this afternoon. Lows will reach the upper 50s to middle 60s throughout North Florida and middle 60s to lower 70s in Central and South Florida. With plentiful moisture sticking around overnight, areas of **fog and low clouds** are possible, especially throughout North and West-Central Florida. The greatest chances for **locally dense fog** will be across the western Panhandle and Northeast Florida by daybreak Thursday.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Breezy conditions will maintain elevated surf and dangerous swimming conditions to many Florida coastlines. A **moderate to high risk of rip currents** can be expected for all Florida Panhandle and East Coast beaches, with low risk conditions residing along the Florida West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Marine conditions will continue slowly subsiding along the Florida East Coast today, with surf returning to **3-5'** for most beaches. A few waves **upwards of 6'** cannot be ruled out for Treasure Coast beaches. Florida Panhandle beaches can expect waves near **2-3'** this afternoon, with West Coast beaches around 1'.

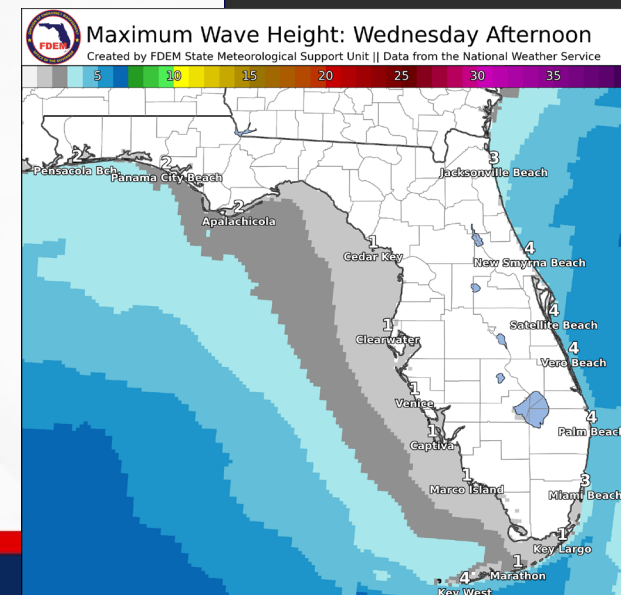
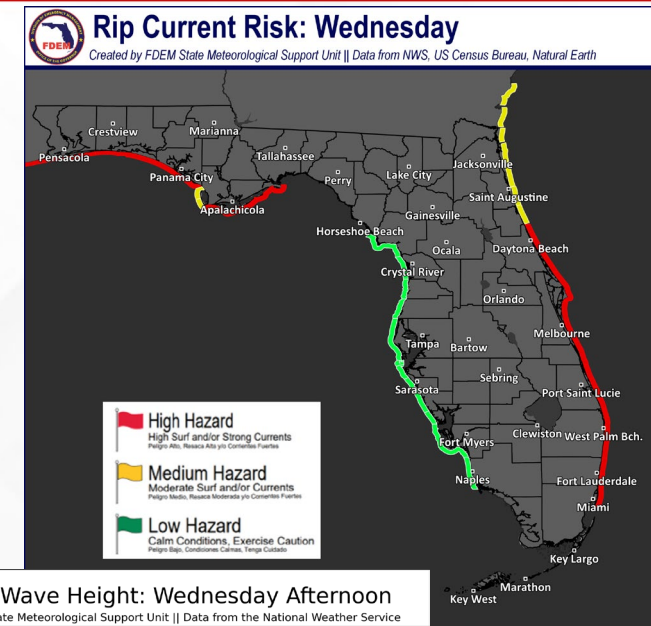
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in and offshore Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, and Gulf counties. It was also observed at very low concentrations in Brevard County (valid 3/27/26).

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

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding across Florida today. Isolated to widely scattered showers and embedded thunderstorms may develop this afternoon across the Panhandle, some of which could be **locally heavy** and capable of producing a quick **1-3" of rainfall**. Areas of **ponding of water** cannot be ruled out, especially in urban and low-lying/poor drainage locations.

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

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 12.02 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.29 feet **below** normal for this time of year.



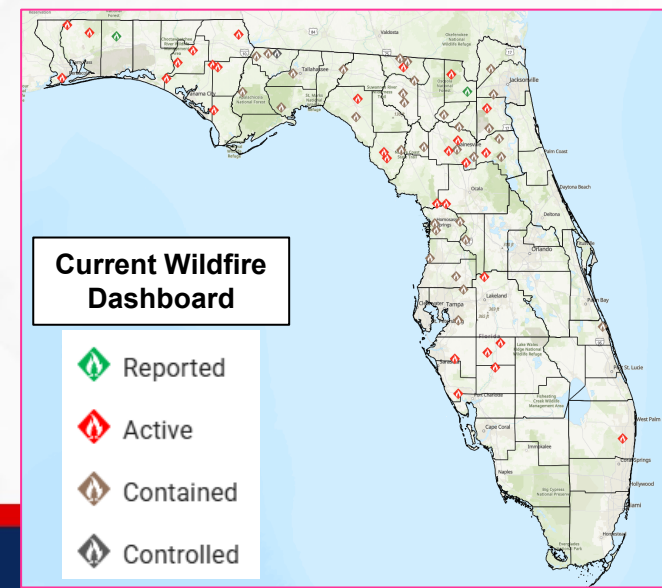
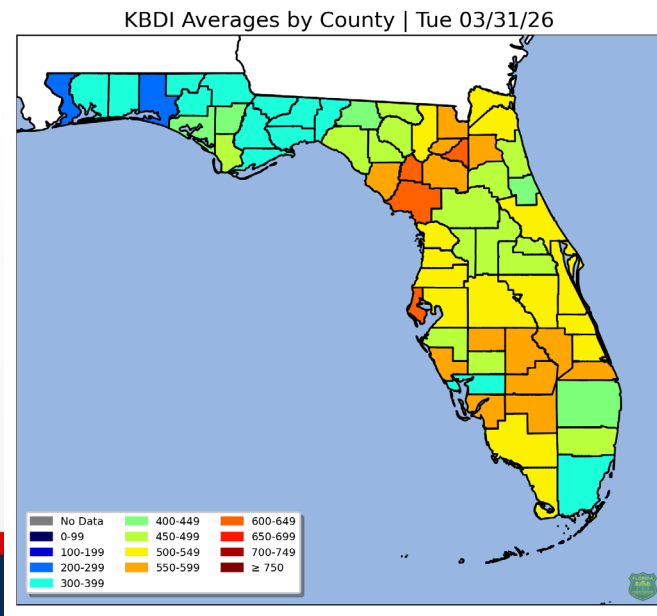
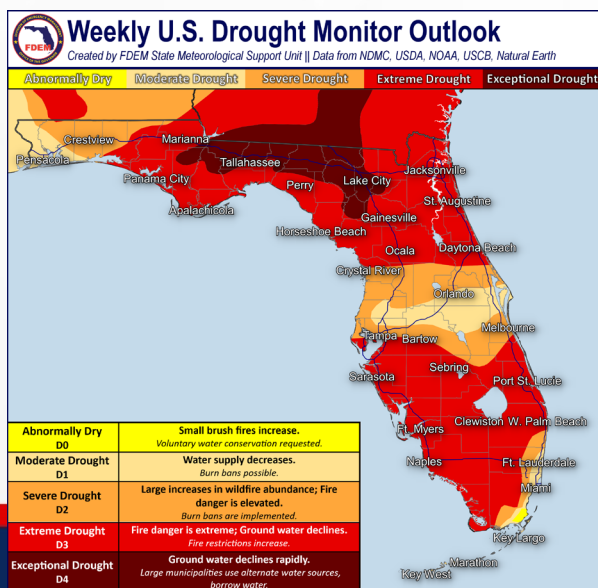


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Moist onshore flow around an area of high pressure over the western Atlantic will continue to bring plentiful low-level moisture throughout the state, keeping relative humidities above critical thresholds. However, **sensitive to elevated wildfire conditions** continue statewide, courtesy of **breezy easterly winds** and ongoing severe to extreme drought. **Wind speeds of 10-20 mph** look to develop through the day throughout the Florida Peninsula, with **wind gusts of 20-25 mph** likely along the immediate coast. Locally higher wind gusts reaching upwards of **30 mph** will be possible across Southeast Florida. Scattered showers and thunderstorms will be possible across the northern Panhandle this afternoon; thunderstorms may be capable of producing lightning strikes and gusty winds which may lead to new ignitions or erratic spread, respectively. Tonight, areas of **patchy to locally dense fog** are possible throughout the western Panhandle and Northeast Florida. *Fog may significantly reduce visibilities in the vicinity of active wildfires.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 64 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 3,590 acres.

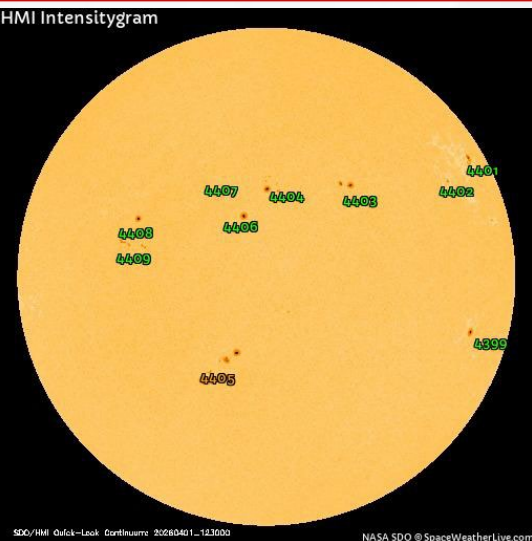
**Drought (3/26/26):** Very little in the way of any beneficial or meaningful rainfall was observed over the past week across the state with status quo drought conditions continuing. The heaviest rainfall over the past week was observed along the immediate Southeast Florida coastline and portions of East-Central Florida with totals upwards of 1-3". However, these totals were very localized with many locations seeing little to no rain. Widespread **severe (level 2 of 4) to extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** continues nearly statewide, with the largest change occurring across the Big Bend region. **Exceptional (level 4 of 4) drought** has been expanded across much of the I-10 corridor across the Big Bend and into the eastern Panhandle throughout northern Calhoun, Liberty, Gadsden, northern Leon, Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Suwannee, Gilchrist, Columbia, and Union counties. Record low streamflows and precipitation **deficits of 5-8"** persist. Soil moisture levels deep into the ground have also worsened and water management districts statewide remain under some water shortage advisory or warning. Looking ahead, a widespread drenching rainfall is not expected over the next week. Mostly dry conditions will continue throughout North Florida where the afternoon sea breezes will have less of an influence. Throughout the Peninsula, daily shower or thunderstorm activity may return starting this weekend, though activity will be scattered in coverage and drought conditions are not expected to improve.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **480 (+3)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **32** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

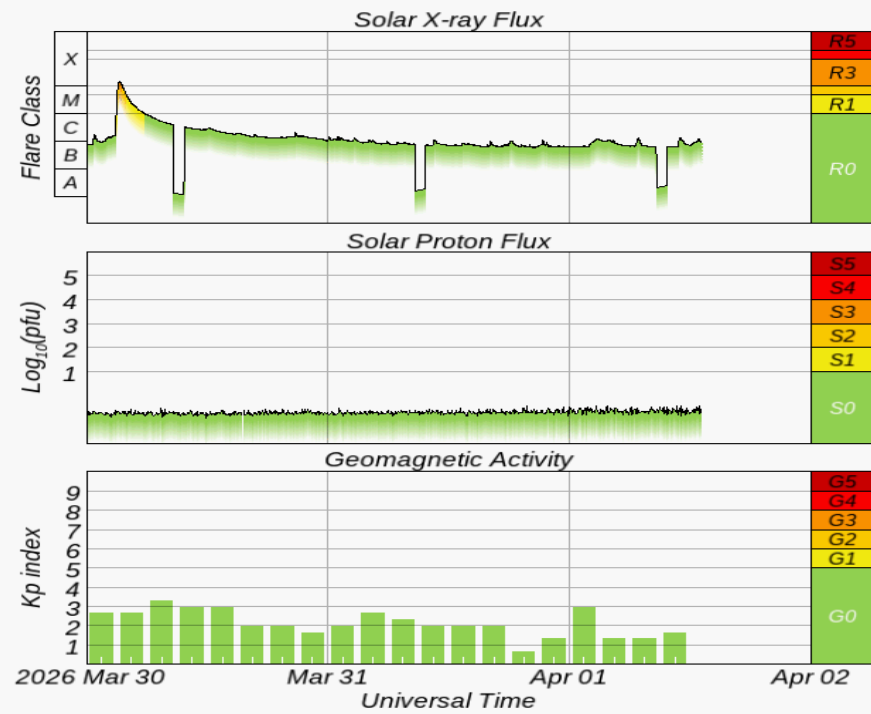




# Space Weather

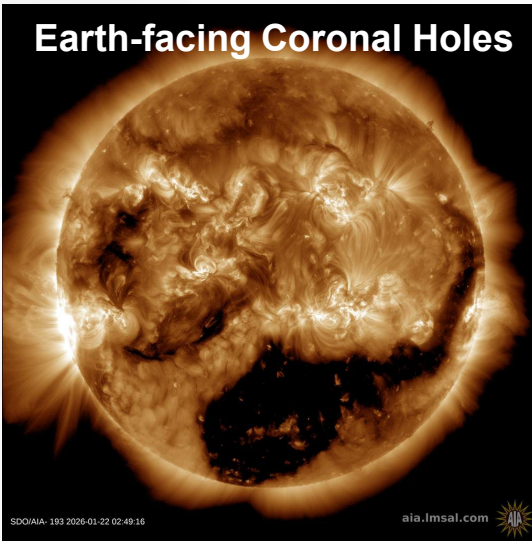


Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: <b>G1 Watch (4/1-4/2)</b>	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	R3 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/1	4/2
Max Kp= 6 (G2)	Max Kp= 5 (G1)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%



**Space Weather:** Solar activity is likely to reach moderate levels due to sunspot regions #4405 and #4403 with minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts accompanying any organized solar flare activity. An isolated significant (X-class) solar flare cannot be ruled out, and R3 radio blackout conditions would occur should one develop. Enhanced solar wind conditions will persist through today due to recent Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) influences, giving way to recurrent coronal hole influences Thursday. Moderate (G2) geomagnetic storming is likely today, with a slight chance for isolated Strong (G3) conditions. Periods of Minor (G1) storming are possible on Thursday before conditions return to unsettled levels on Friday. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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<b>SWO Tracker:</b>	<a href="https://swo.floridadisaster.org">https://swo.floridadisaster.org</a>	Operational	
<b>SLERS:</b>	DEM Statewide	Operational	
<b>FNARS:</b>	WGY974	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>Federal NAWAS:</b>	State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>EMnet Message:</b>	FL.000 - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>EMnet Voice:</b>	FL SWP - State Watch Office	Not Operational	System in Transition
<b>IPAWS:</b>	300006 - FL Florida Division of Emergency Management	Operational	
<b>FIN:</b>	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
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