



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Monday, April 6, 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	Jackson	Vehicle Maintenance / Okaloosa & Santa Rosa EMPA/G Grant Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Calhoun	County EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Office Admin
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Leon	Outreach Material Pickup / HQ Visit
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole	MCI FSE Meeting
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Citrus	Executive Director Support
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	End of Month Admin / County EM Visit
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	SFWMD Meeting / Region 9 T&E Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Leave	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6  
 Region 10 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 9

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	Leon	Internal Stakeholder Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Columbia	Internal Stakeholder Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Internal Stakeholder Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Recovery Meeting
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Central FL MCI Evaluator/Controller TX
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	Miami-Dade	Annual Hurricane Preparedness Exercise

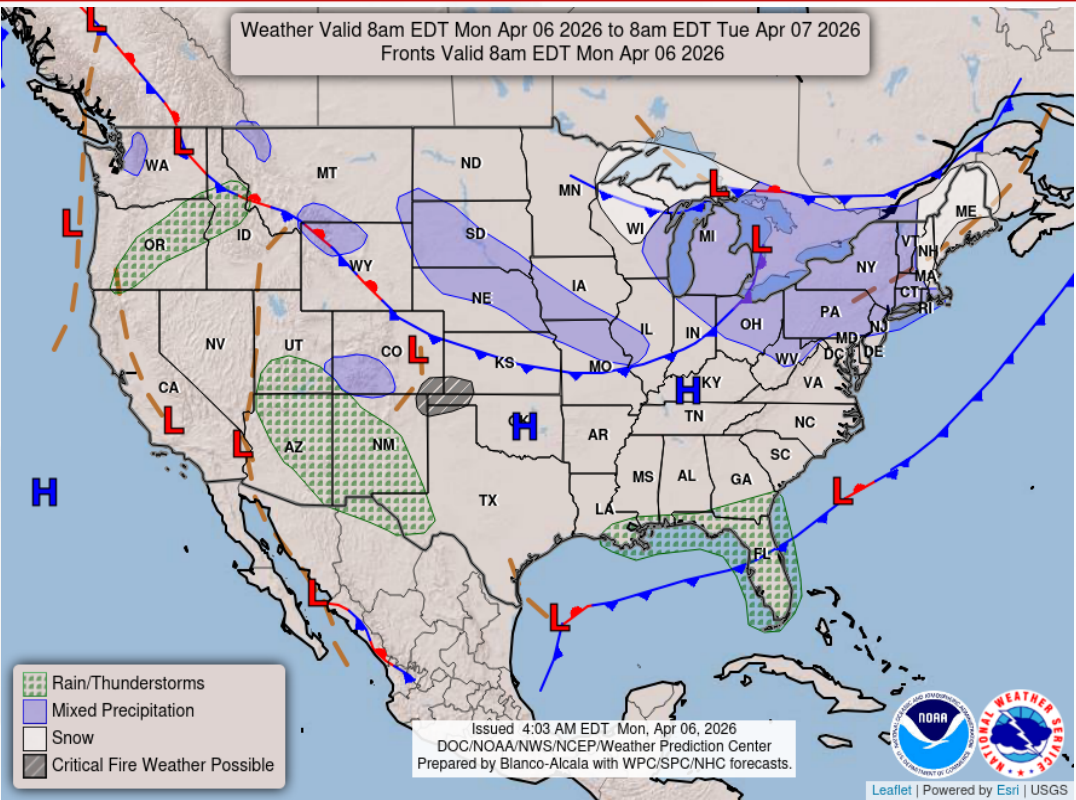
Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 7/9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinators 6/8

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

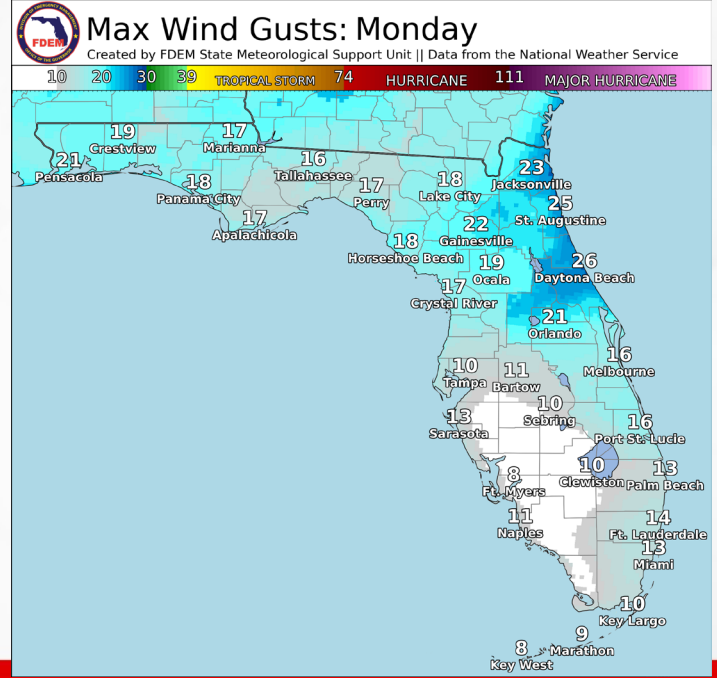
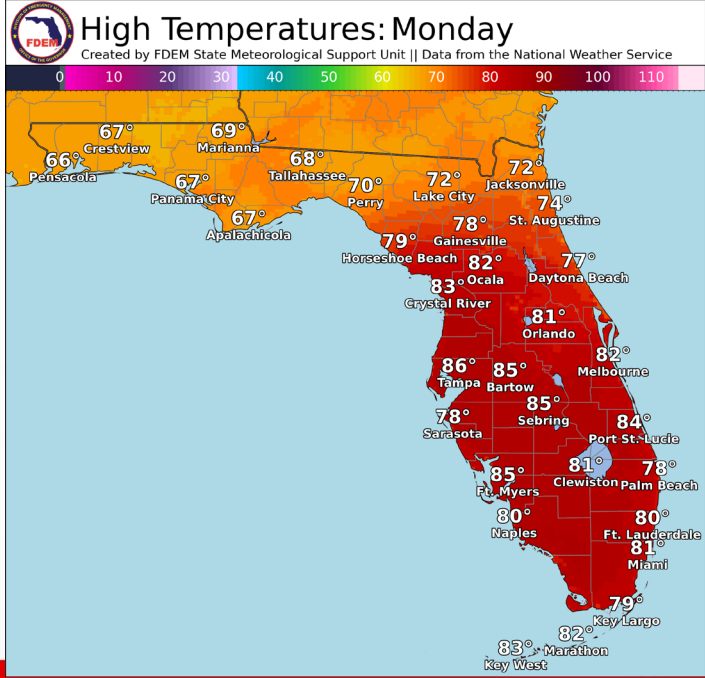


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning			L	L	L	L	M	M	M	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind						L	L	L	L	
Hail										
Flash Flooding				L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.00 ft. (2.20 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	497 (+6) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





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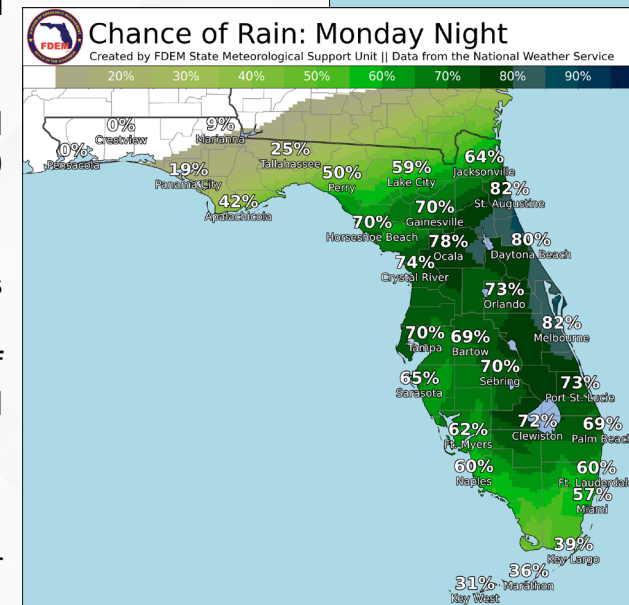
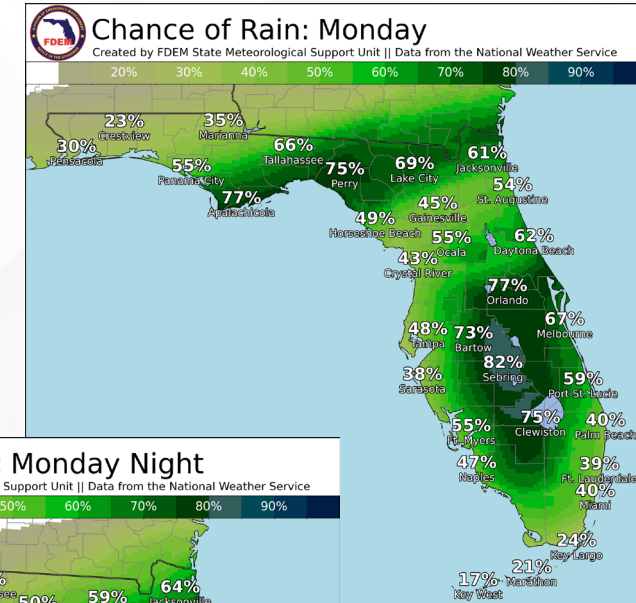
## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

The start to what will be a wet and rainy week is expected to commence today as the trailing end of a cold front slows and stalls across the Peninsula. A band of light rain showers has blossomed across the Panhandle and Big Bend this morning and will continue to slowly trek eastward through the day (50-75% chance of rain). Meanwhile throughout the Peninsula, the stalled cold front along with the afternoon sea breezes will promote and enhance scattered to numerous shower and embedded thunderstorm activity across Central and South Florida (55-85% chance of rain). Some of these storms could become **locally strong** and capable of producing frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-50 mph), and small hail. Additionally, much of this activity will be slow moving and may lead to **localized flooding** and **ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor drainage locations. A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** has been outlooked along the Florida East Coast today where localized rainfall totals could exceed **2-4" of rain** in areas that receive multiple rounds of **heavy downpours**. Winds will become breezy throughout North Florida this afternoon, with gusts **upwards of 20-25 mph** expected.

High temperatures will climb into the 80s throughout Central and South Florida today, with thick cloud cover and light rainfall keeping temperatures cooler in the middle 60s to lower 70s along the I-10 corridor.

Scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will continue through the overnight hours across much of the Peninsula as an upper-level disturbance traverses the state helping to enhance activity. Some of this activity could remain **locally heavy**, especially along the I-95 corridor, and instances of **localized flooding** cannot be ruled out (60-85% chance of rain). Mostly dry conditions will prevail across the western Panhandle with an isolated shower possible throughout the eastern Panhandle and Big Bend (15-30% chance of rain).

Low temperatures will cool off into the 50s throughout North Florida tonight, with middle 60s to lower 70s expected across Central and South Florida.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** A fresh surge of onshore winds and increasing surf will bring a **high risk for rip currents** to all East Coast beaches today. A return to a **moderate risk** is expected for Panhandle and Southeast Florida beaches, with a low risk remaining 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 begin to worsen today as a large ocean swell gets set to develop along the East Coast this week. Surf will increase to **4-6'** for all Northeast Florida beaches, with waves near **2-4'** along the rest of the East Coast. Waves of **1-3'** are expected along the Panhandle coastline and near 1' along the West Coast.

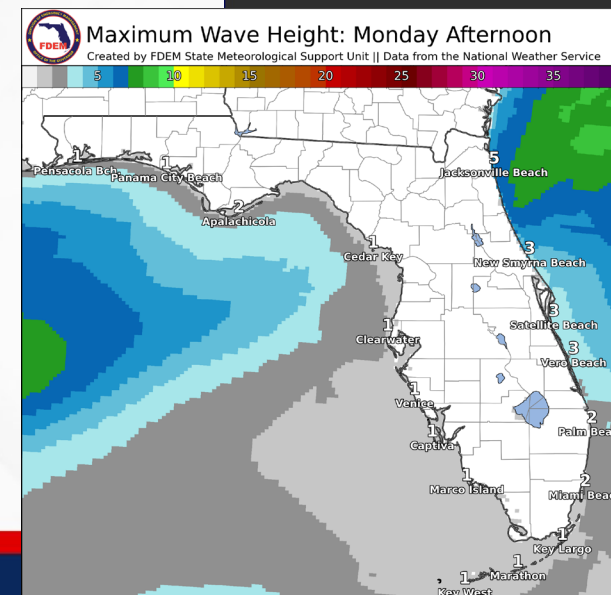
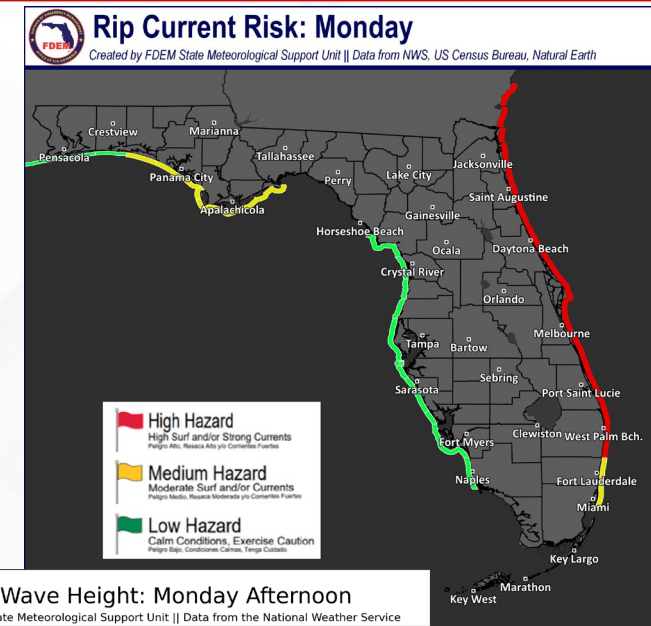
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations offshore Monroe County (valid 4/3/26).

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

**Flash Flooding:** The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) has outlooked a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along much of the Florida East Coast today where scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will persist through the overnight hours. Activity is expected to develop along the sea breezes this afternoon before becoming enhanced this evening and overnight as an upper-level disturbance traverses the state. Some of this slow-moving activity could become **locally heavy** and capable of producing a quick **2-4"** of rainfall in localized areas. Any areas that do receive repeated rounds of **heavy downpours** could experience **ponding of water and flooding**, especially in urban and 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 12.00 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.20 feet below normal for this time of year.



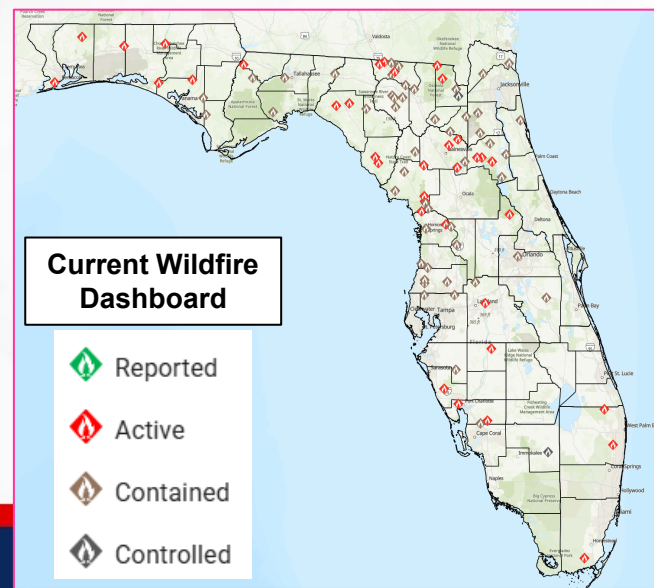
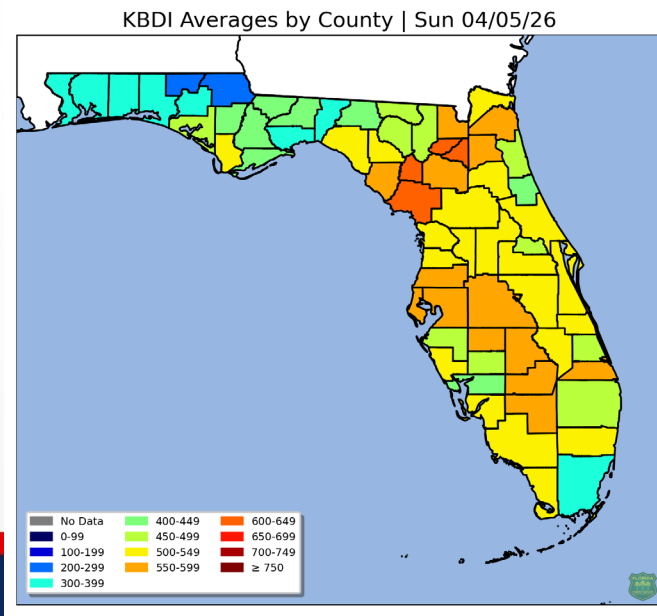
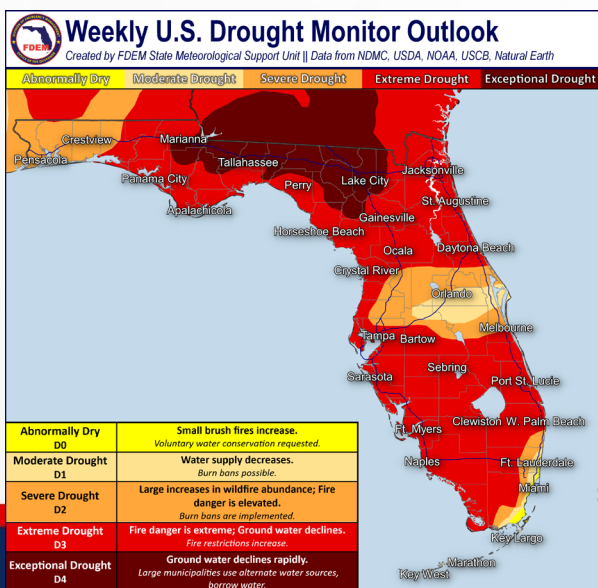


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** Plentiful cloud cover and scattered to numerous showers and thunderstorms will keep relative humidities well above critical thresholds throughout the state today. Still, ongoing drought will keep **sensitive wildfire conditions** in place with plentiful dry fuels still available for burning. *Thunderstorms may be capable of producing lightning strikes and gusty winds which may lead to new ignitions or erratic spread.* Winds will shift out of the northeast today across North Florida in the wake of our front where gusts **upwards of 20-25 mph** will develop this afternoon. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 87 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 6,627 acres.

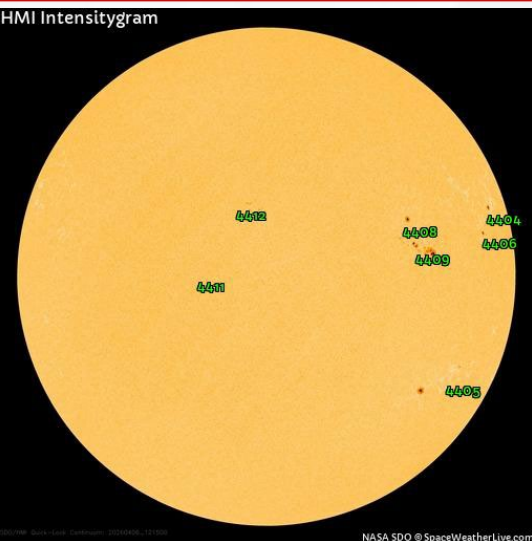
**Drought (4/2/26):** Over the past week, mostly dry conditions were observed throughout much of the state which has resulted in very little improvements on the latest Drought Monitor update. In fact, outside of immediate coastal Southeast Florida where a cold front brought widespread rainfall of 1-3" this past weekend (3/28-3/29), there was no beneficial rainfall to be found. The last remaining area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) across the western Panhandle has been upgraded to a **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** due to recent dryness and worsening soil moisture levels. One of the biggest changes this week was additional expansion of the **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** across the Big Bend, Suwannee River Valley, and eastern Panhandle. Now, additional areas of Columbia, Baker, Union, Lafayette, Wakulla, and Jackson counties are under this level 4 of 4 drought. Over the past 6 months (October 1 – March 31), Tallahassee has seen record dryness with a total rainfall departure over that time reaching **13.51 inches below normal**. Areas of **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** have remained throughout the rest of Northeast Florida and North-Central Florida, including a new area along the coast of Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco counties. Jacksonville has also seen record dryness over the past 6 months, with the rainfall deficit of **9.98 inches below normal** in that time. The area of **moderate to severe drought** along the I-4 corridor continues to shrink as well as the area rainfall deficits continue to worsen. **Extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** also persists across much of South Florida, outside of the immediate Southeast coastline where rainfall has brought some drought relief. Throughout the state, streamflows remain significantly low and soil moisture levels deep into the ground have also worsened with water management districts statewide remaining under some water shortage advisory or warning. Looking ahead, a widespread drenching rainfall is not expected over the next week. Mostly dry conditions will prevail, though afternoon spotty showers and embedded thunderstorms will be possible each day. Any areas that see the heaviest activity could see a quick 1-3" of rain, though will not be enough to put much of a dent in the drought. There remains some uncertainty regarding a possible Gulf low-pressure system developing next Tuesday, which could bring some beneficial rains to the state. Trends in that system will continue to be monitored.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **497 (+6)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **39** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

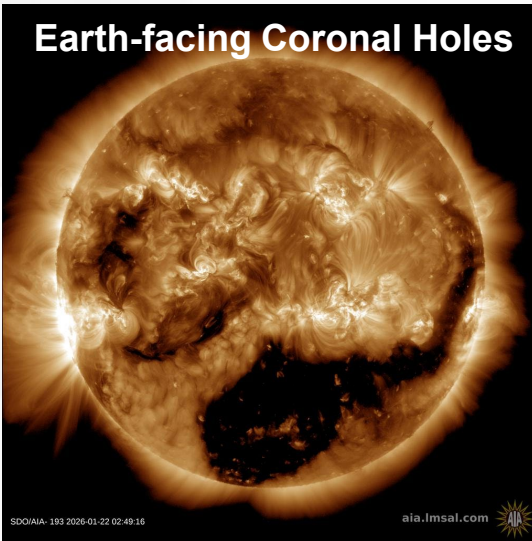
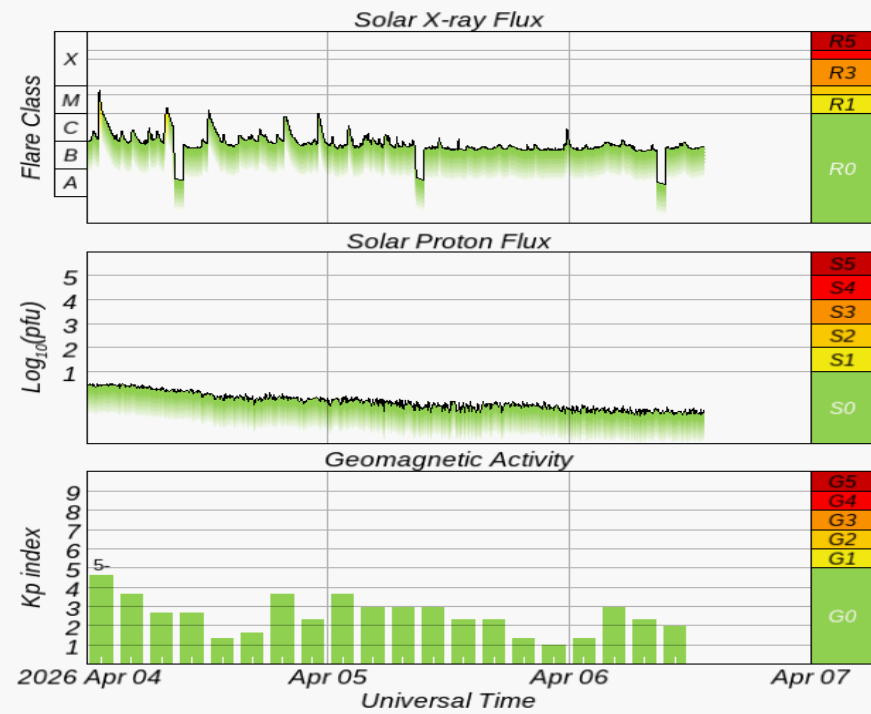




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 55%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C2 Solar Flare
X-class: 15%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/6	4/7
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 3 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is likely to reach moderate levels primarily due to sunspot region #4409 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. The solar wind environment is expected to remain slightly enhanced through Monday due to waning recurrent coronal hole influences. Mostly nominal conditions are expected Tuesday and Wednesday. The geomagnetic field is expected to reach unsettled levels today before returning to quiet levels by mid-week. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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