



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Saturday, April 11, 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	Bay	Gulf Coast Salute Airshow
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 4: Tara Kostich	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 6: Paul Siddall	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 8: Amber Durden	In Region	On-Call Status
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota	Hurricane Preparedness Event
Region 10: Claudia Baker	In Region	On-Call Status

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2
 Region 7 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 6

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	In Region	On call Response Coverage
Region 3: Kevin Blom	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 6: Rick Rogers	In Region	Off & Monitoring
Region 7: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage
Region 10: Brian Lee	In Region	Off & Monitoring

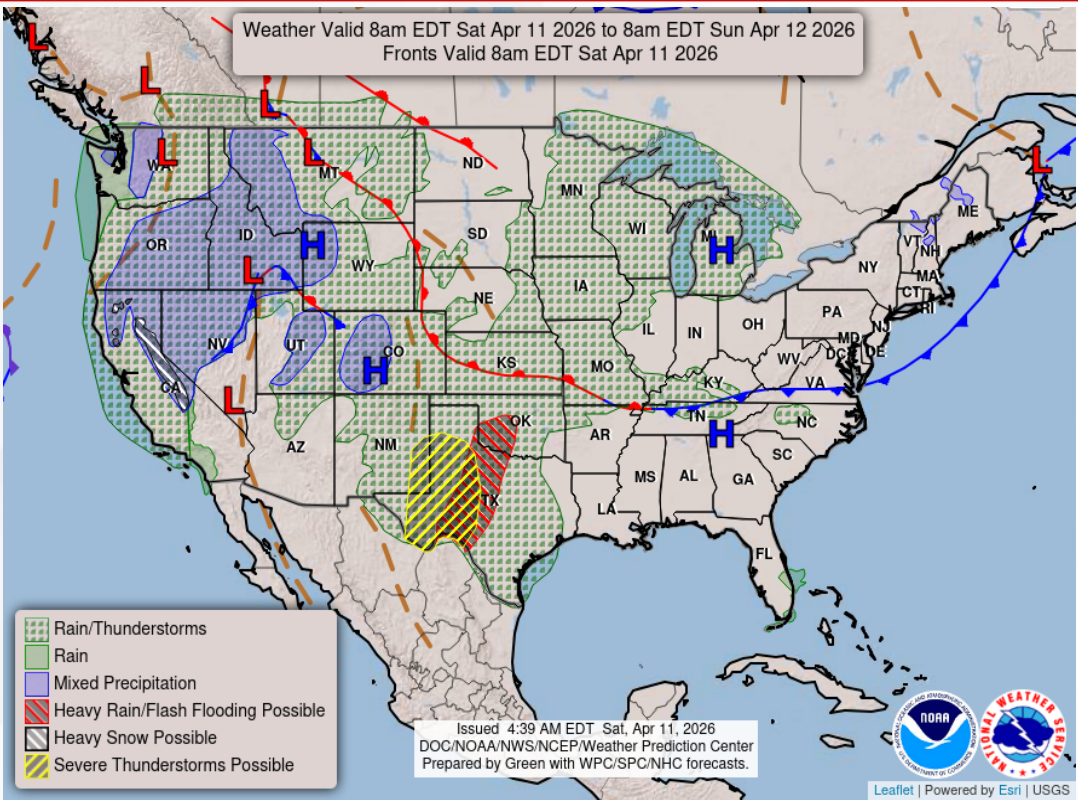
Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 2

Region 8 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator Supervisor

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

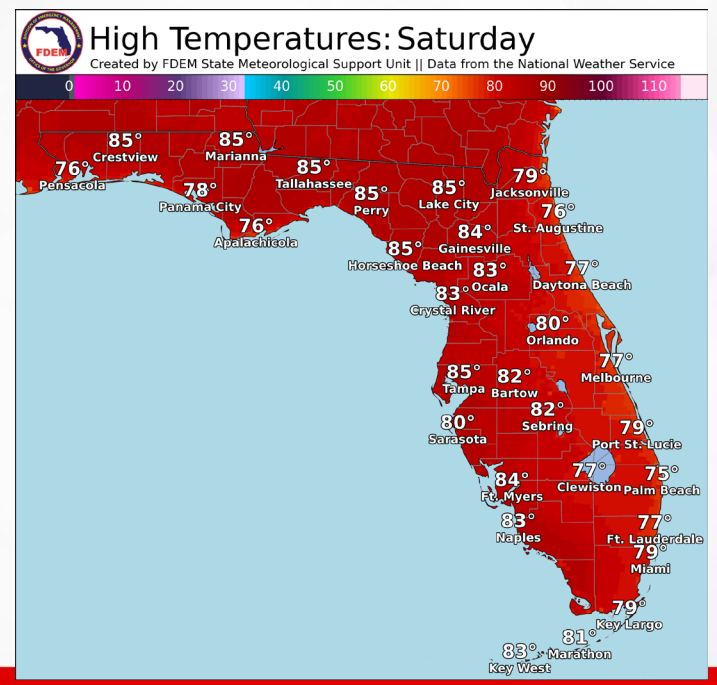
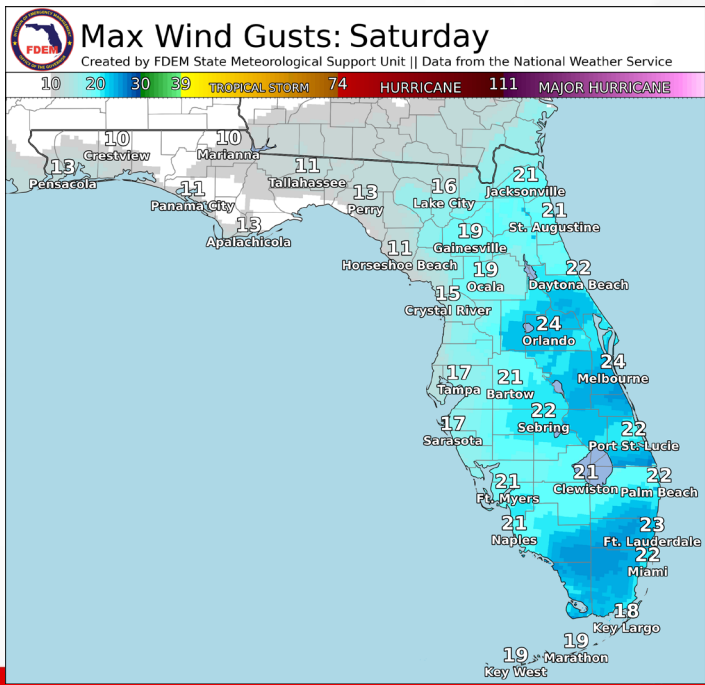


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning										
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding										
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	M	M	M	L	L			
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.13 ft. (1.97 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	413 (-1) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





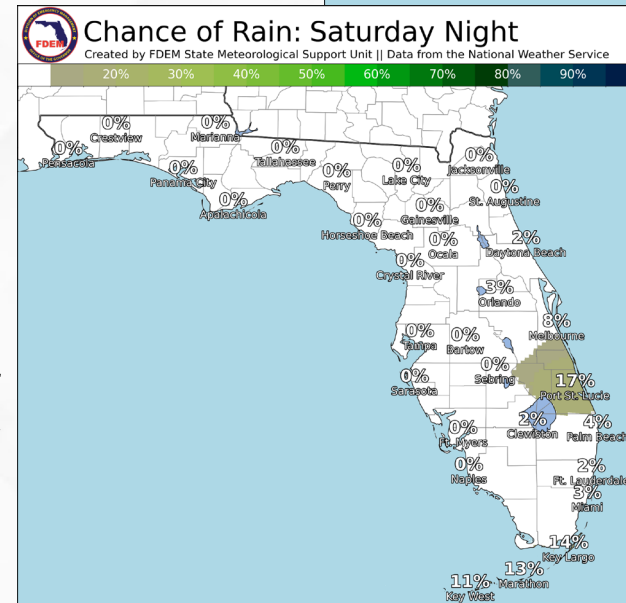
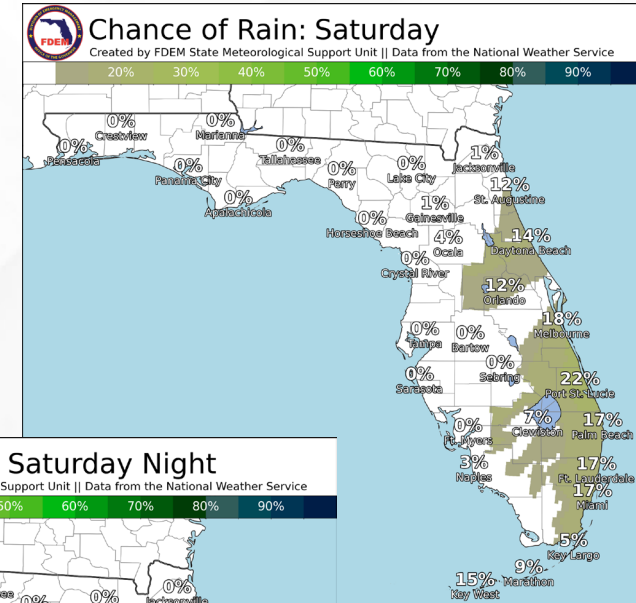
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

High pressure along the eastern seaboard of the U.S. will continue nosing into the local area today, bringing mostly sunny skies and dry conditions to much of the Sunshine State. Very marginal moisture will linger along the immediate East Coast today where a few light showers may push onshore this afternoon (15-20% chance of rain), though any activity will be brief in nature. The easterly flow is expected to persist throughout the state today, with breezy wind gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph** throughout the Peninsula this afternoon. Relative humidities will dip **near or below critical thresholds (25-35%)** throughout North Florida this afternoon which, paired with ongoing **extreme to exceptional drought (level 3-4 of 4)**, will lead to **elevated wildfire danger**.

High temperatures will climb into the lower to middle 80s throughout the state away from the coast, with 70s along the Panhandle coastline and East Coast. A few locations across Northeast Florida and along the I-75 corridor may reach the upper 80s or even **90-degrees**.

A mostly clear and calm night is expected across the state. These clear skies will promote **patchy fog development** across Northeast and North-Central Florida, some of which could become **locally dense**. Low temperatures will dip into the middle to upper 50s across North Florida, upper 50s to lower 60s in Central Florida, and middle 60s to lower 70s in South Florida.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Breezy conditions and elevated surf will bring a **moderate** to **high risk for rip currents** to all East Coast and Panhandle beaches today. A low risk is expected for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: The sea state will continue to diminish today along the East Coast, though will still remain elevated with surf of **4-6'** expected from the First Coast to Southeast Florida. **High Surf Advisories** remain in effect for coastal Palm Beach County where waves will be locally higher **upwards of 8'**. Waves near 1-2' can be expected for all Panhandle and West Coast beaches today.

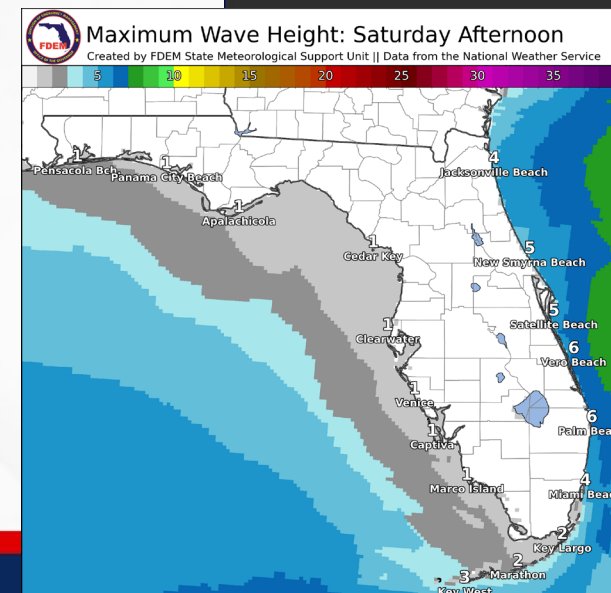
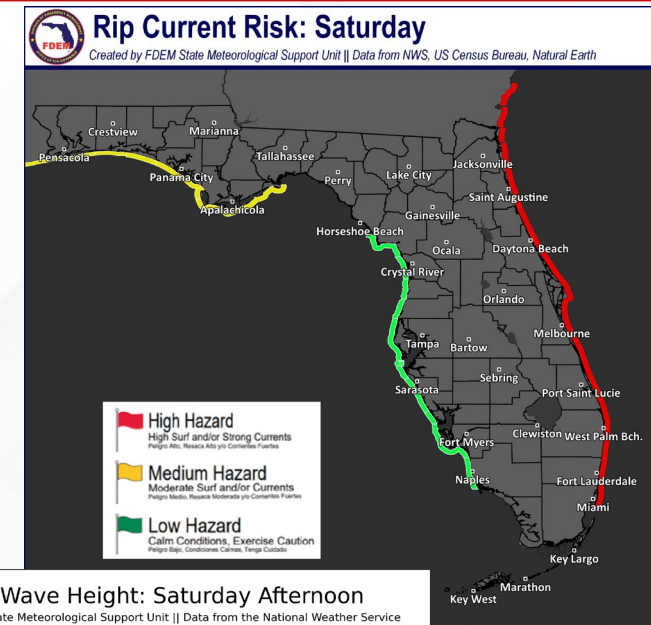
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Bay and Gulf County (valid 4/10/26).

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

Flash Flooding: There is no organized risk for flash flooding today across Florida.

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

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.13 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.97 feet below normal for this time of year.



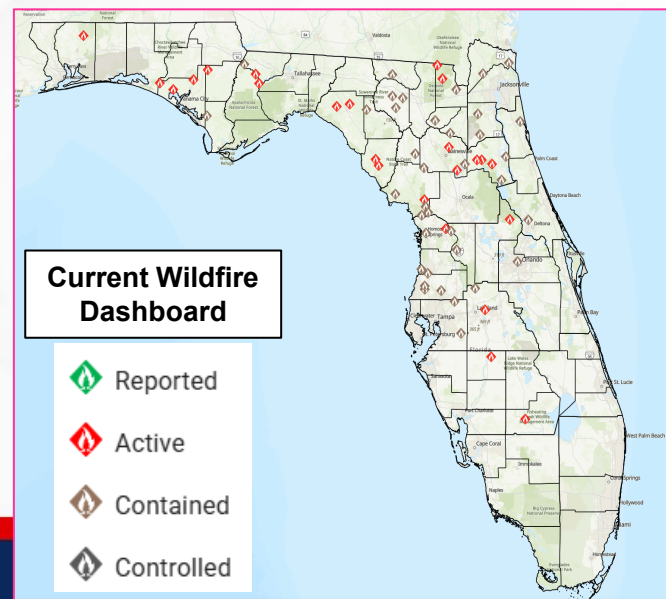
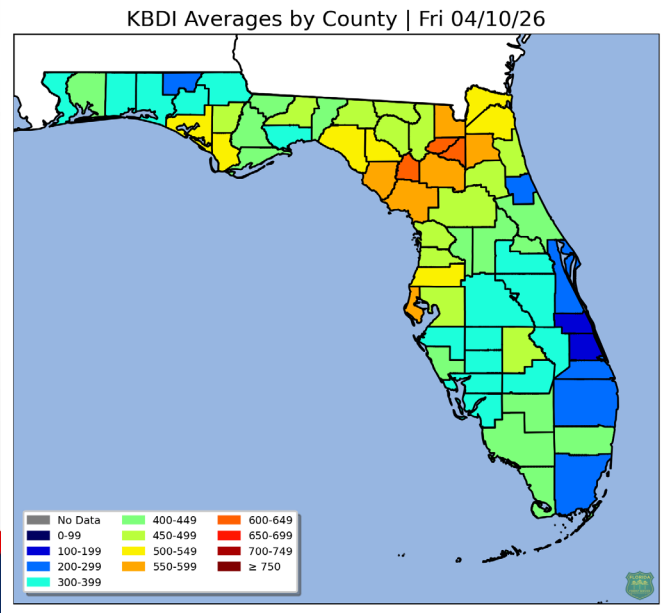
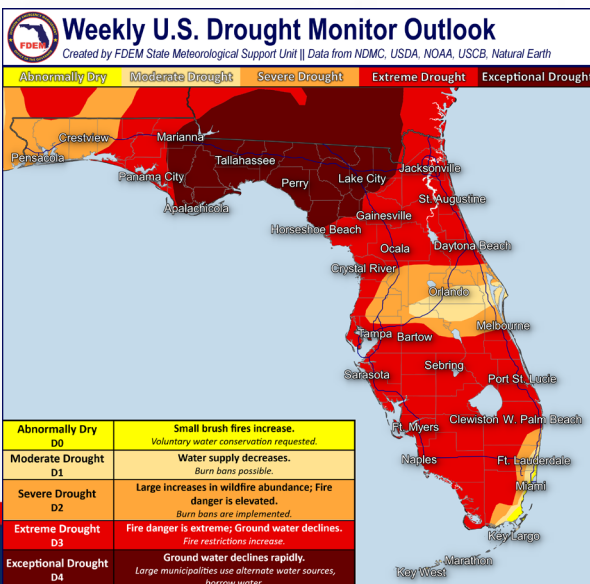


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: A drier airmass will finally begin to settle throughout the state as high pressure noses into the local area. A few isolated showers may move onshore along the Atlantic coast this afternoon, otherwise a mostly sunny and dry day is on tap throughout the Sunshine State. Relative humidities will remain above critical thresholds throughout the Peninsula, though will reach **near critical thresholds (30-40%)** across the Panhandle and Big Bend. Given the ongoing **extreme to exceptional drought (level 3-4 of 4)**, **elevated wildfire conditions** can be expected today. Stronger winds will reside across the Peninsula today, with gusts of **20-30 mph** expected. Areas of **patchy fog** may develop tonight across Northeast Florida, some of which could become **locally dense**. *Areas of fog may further reduce visibilities in areas experiencing active wildfire smoke.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 50 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 5,822 acres.

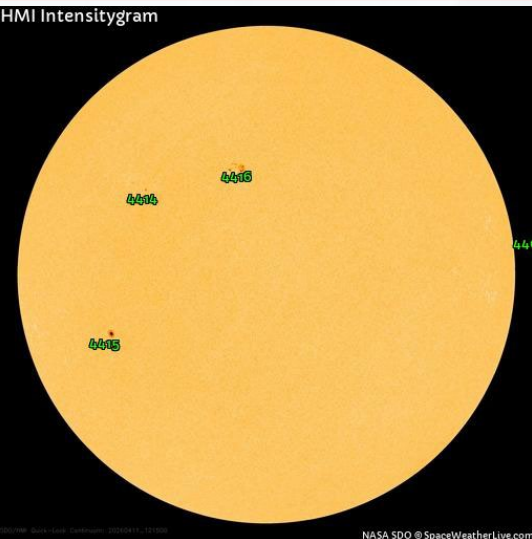
Drought (4/9/26): Although it was a rather wet start to the week across much of the Florida Peninsula, very little improvements were introduced on this week's Drought Monitor update. A general 1-3" of rainfall fell throughout Central and South Florida since last update, with some localized areas picking up 5-8" of rainfall, especially along the immediate East Coast. These rainfall totals have improved some of the short-term drought indicators, such as KBDI and 30-60 day rainfall departures, though were not enough to provide real relief to the long-term drought and seriously dry soil moisture conditions. An **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** remains in place throughout much of South Florida, the exception being the immediate Southeast coastline where a general **moderate (level 1 of 4) to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** are found. There were no additional changes throughout Central Florida where a **moderate (level 1 of 4) to severe drought (level 2 of 4)** remains along the I-4 corridor and through the Orlando metropolitan area and **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** elsewhere. Throughout North Florida, **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** expanded to include the remainder of the Big Bend region and much of the Suwannee River Valley. Although there were some light rain totals throughout North Florida, it was only in very localized pockets that exceeded 2"+. Rainfall departures over the past 90 to 120 days (3-4 months) or longer are really driving the persistent drought throughout North Florida. In fact, since September 1 (8 months ago), Tallahassee has found itself in a rainfall deficit nearly 20 inches below normal! About 11 inches of rain has been tallied up since Sept 1, 2025 in Tallahassee, which is 5 inches below the previous record over a similar stretch. Record low streamflows and bone dry soils/grounds have resulted in the additional exceptional drought expansion this week. Looking ahead, unfortunately a very dry and warm stretch of weather is expected through at least the next week as high pressure settles overhead and allows for mostly sunny skies. Additional drought expansion is expected throughout North Florida on next week's update, though there could be some drought reduction throughout Central and South Florida given lots of rainfall since the Tuesday cutoff time for this week's update.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **413 (-1)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **16** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

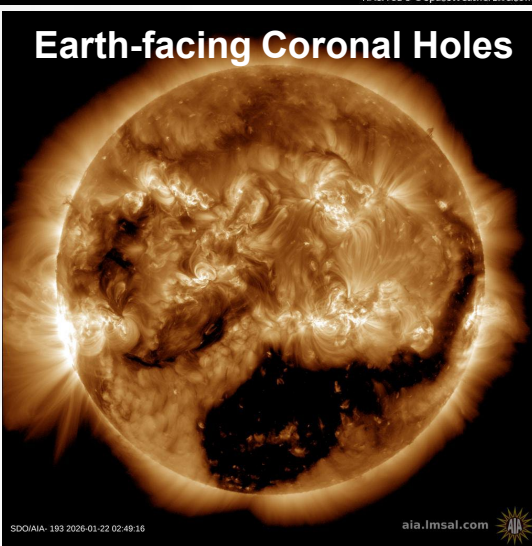




Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 5%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
4/11	4/12
Max Kp= 5 (G1)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 25% severe activity = 5%	Chance of minor activity = 15% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is likely to be at low levels with only a slight chance for strong (M-class) solar flares. Should a strong solar flare develop, minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany. The solar wind environment will become enhanced this weekend due to recurrent coronal hole influences, which will likely bring periods of Minor (G1) geomagnetic storming conditions as well. Active conditions return on Sunday due to waning coronal hole influences. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



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SWO Tracker:	https://swo.floridadisaster.org	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	
FIN:	SOFEOC	Not Operational	System in Transition
Satellite Phones:	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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