



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Monday, May 4, 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	Bay County Grants Desktop Monitoring Meeting / Vehicle Inspection
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Leon	HQ Visit / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Suwannee, Leon	County EM Visit / Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Seminole, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Office Admin / Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River, Leon	Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Sarasota, Leon	Hurricane Hunters Event / Travel to FDEM HQ
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade, Leon	DHS Meeting / Travel to FDEM HQ



Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Okaloosa	TTX
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Recovery Meeting
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Alachua	Vehicle Repair
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Clay	Recovery Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Recovery Meeting
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	Miami-Dade	Recovery Meeting

Region 5 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 4

Region 7 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

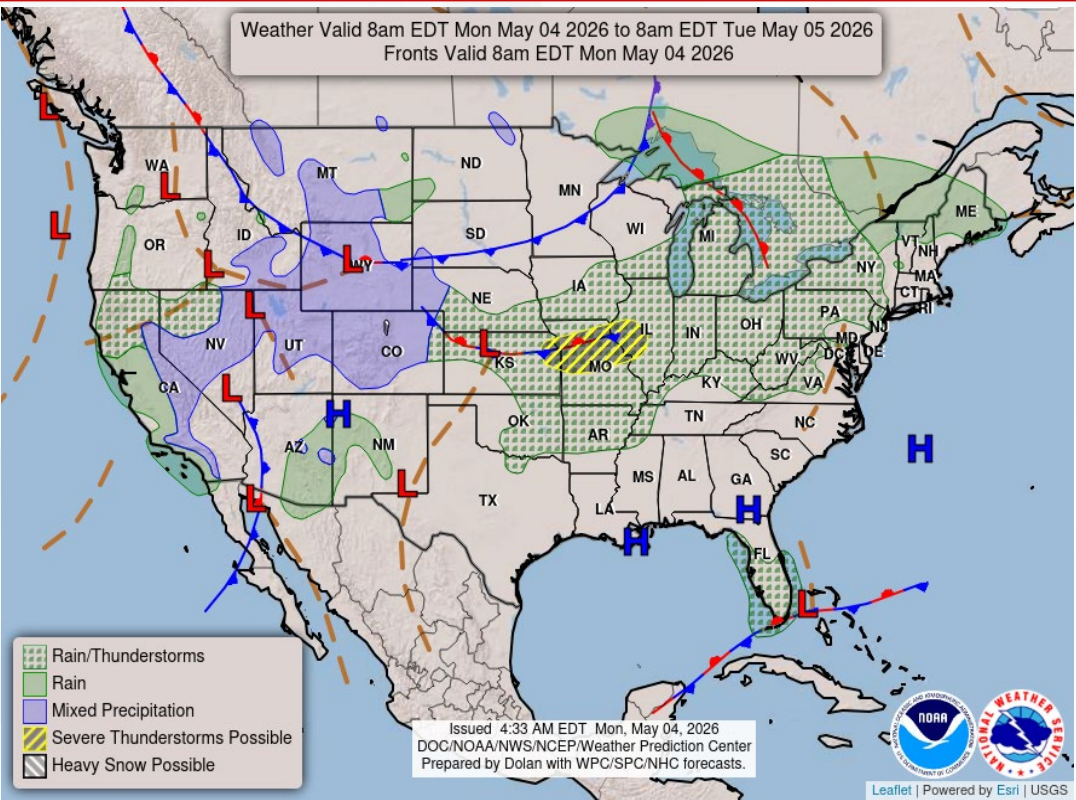
Region 8 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

Region 9 Recovery Coverage Provided By Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor

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

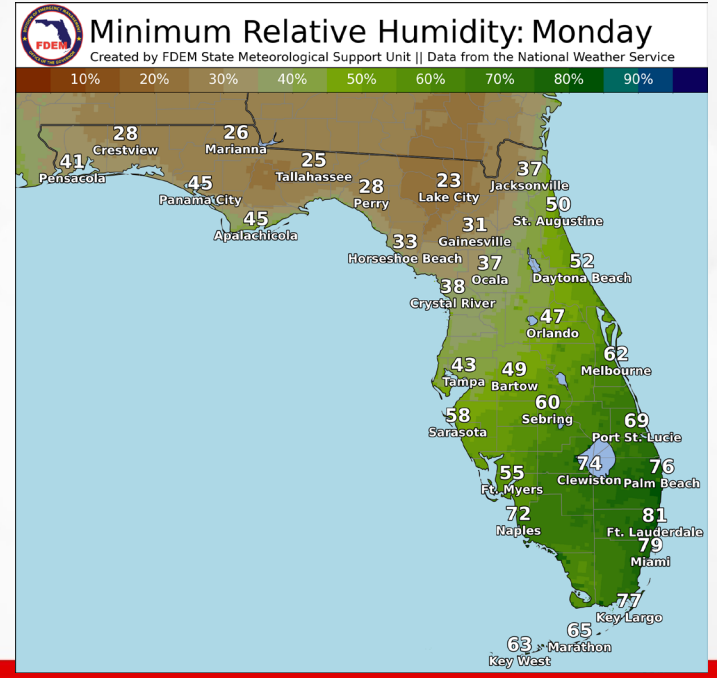
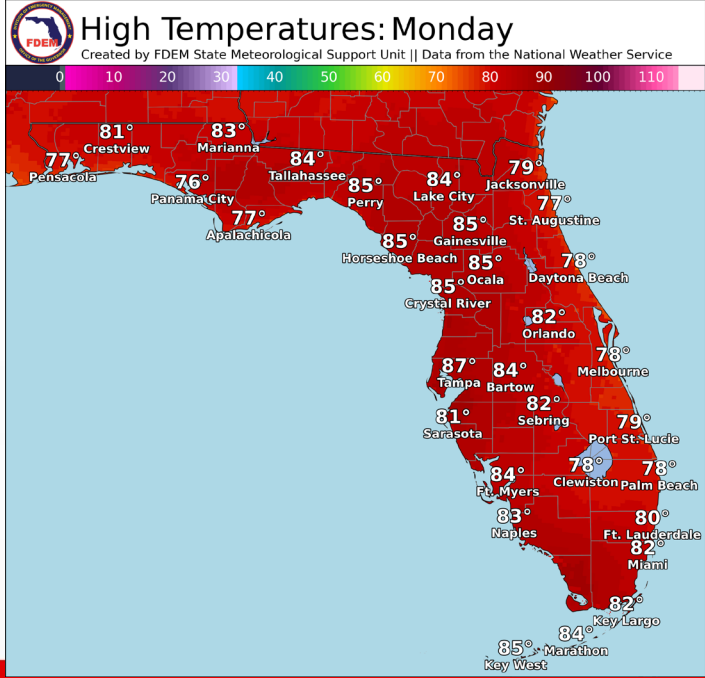


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning								L	L	L
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding								L	L	L
Extreme Heat										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	H	L		H	L	M
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.60 ft. (1.95 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	502 (-20) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





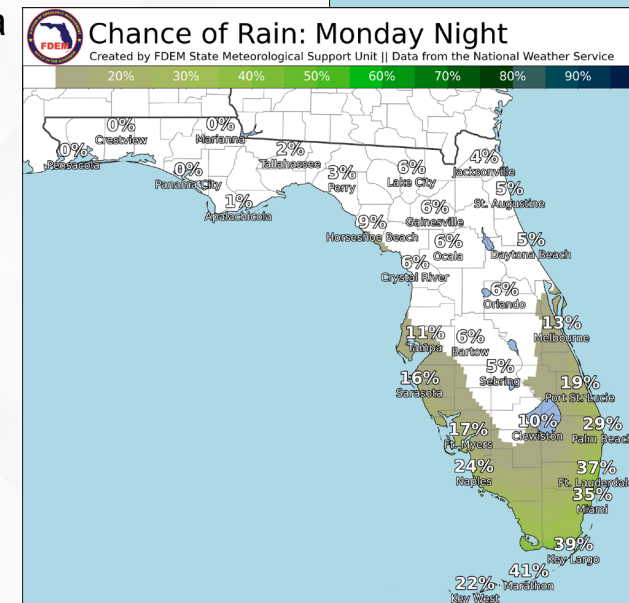
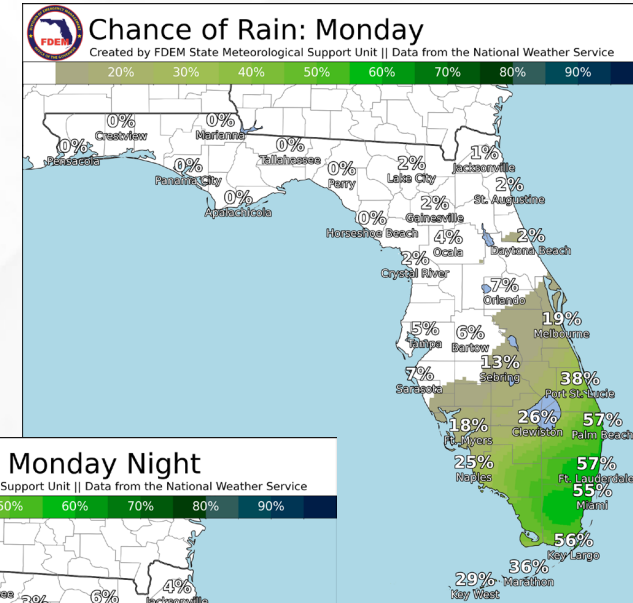
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## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A cold front continues to slide southward into the Florida Straits today, keeping some moisture around across South Florida where isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected this afternoon (35-55% chance of rain). Southeast Florida will see the greatest chances of rain where a few **locally heavy downpours** cannot be ruled out. Rainfall totals will generally remain below 1", though a few localized areas could see **upwards of 1-3"** of quick rain. Further north, high pressure will begin to nudge into North and Central Florida allowing for dry and pleasant conditions to return.

Relative humidities will dip **below critical thresholds (20-30%)** across North Florida which will continue to encourage **elevated wildfire conditions** amidst the ongoing **exceptional drought**. However, winds will remain light across North Florida today keeping the overall wildfire threat lower. The strongest winds will reside across East-Central Florida where wind gusts **upwards of 25-30 mph** will be possible overlapping with humidities of 35-45%. High temperatures will reach into the upper 70s to middle 80s for much of the state this afternoon.

Tonight, a few showers and storms will linger across Southeast and Southwest Florida (25-35% chance of rain), though will quickly dissipate after sunset. A mostly calm and clear night is expected statewide. Lows will fall into the 50s across North Florida, with middle 60s to lower 70s in Central and South Florida.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Breezy onshore winds and elevated surf will bring a **high risk for rip currents** to all Space and Treasure Coast beaches today, with a **moderate risk** expected for all Northeast, Southeast, and Panhandle beaches. A low risk continues for all West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** A mostly calm sea state is expected for all West Coast and Panhandle beaches today, with waves near 1-2' for all beaches. Along the East Coast, surf of **2-4'** is expected for all beaches, with locally higher waves **upwards of 4-6'** for Treasure Coast beaches.

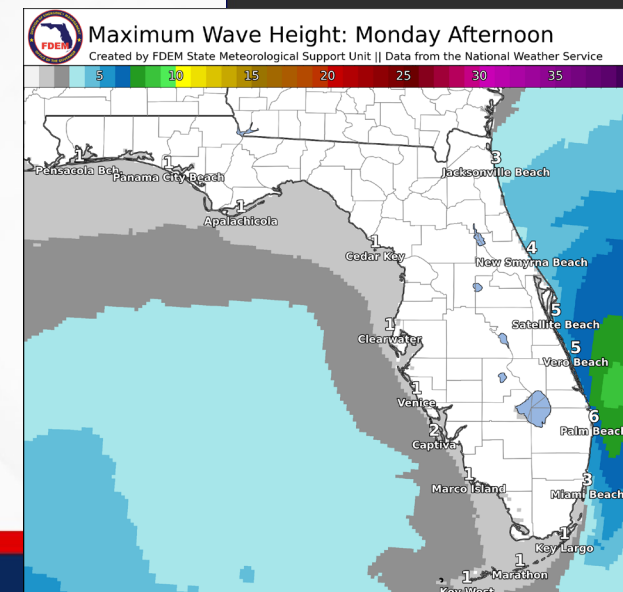
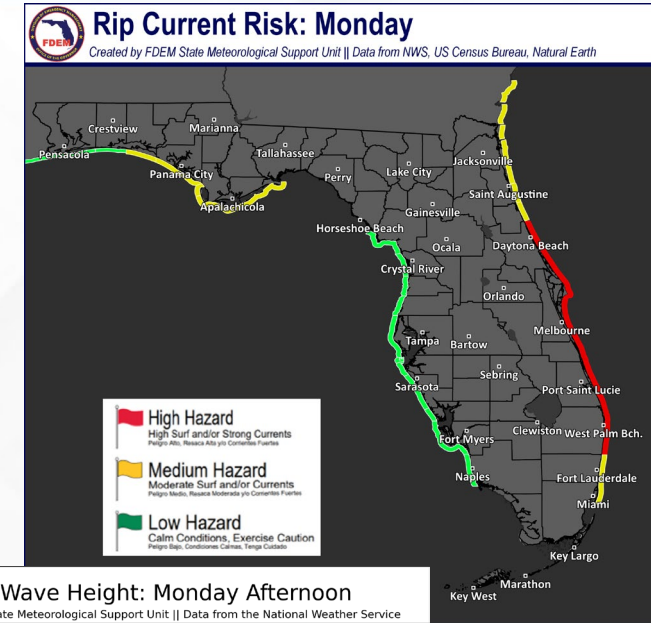
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in Escambia County. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/1/26).

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

**Flash Flooding:** There is no organized risk for flash flooding today across Florida. A few isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms may bring a few **locally heavy downpours** to the Southeast Florida metro region this afternoon and evening. Rainfall totals will generally remain below 1", however a few localized areas could see **upwards of 1-3"** of quick rainfall.

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

**Lake Okeechobee's** average elevation is 11.60 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



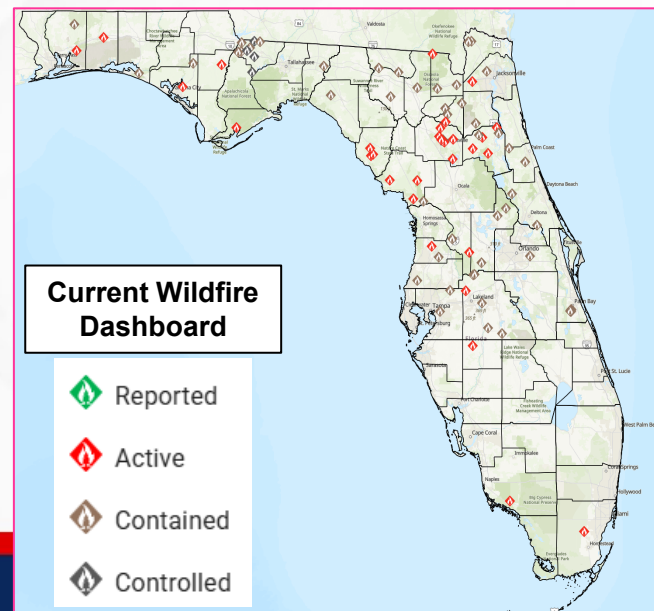
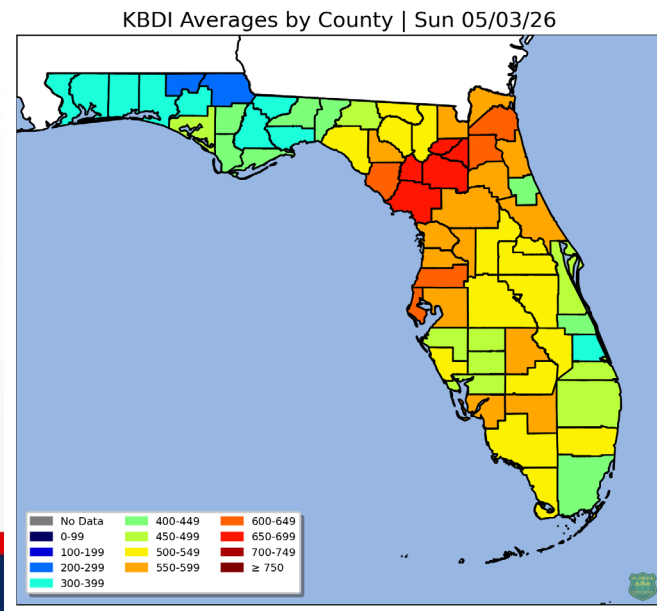
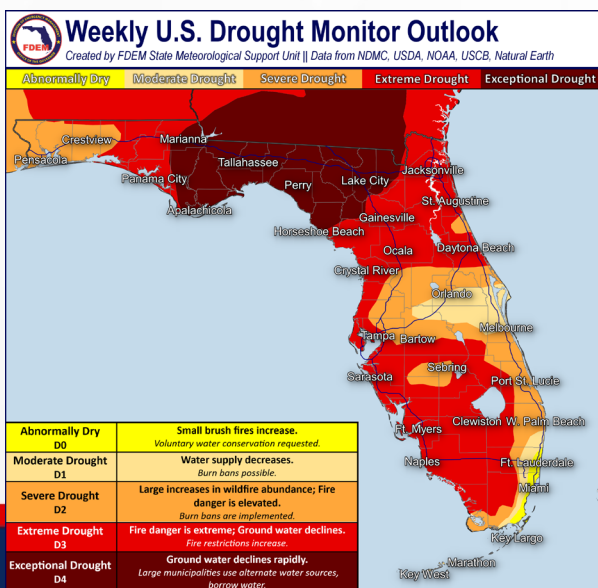


# Drought & Fire Weather

**Fire Weather:** **Elevated wildfire conditions** are expected across much of North Florida today where relative humidities will fall **below critical thresholds (20-30%)** this afternoon. However, recent rainfall and lighter winds will preclude any critical wildfire risk. The strongest east to northeast winds are expected across East-Central Florida today where wind gusts may reach **upwards of 25-30 mph** overlapping with relative humidities of 35-45%. Here, locally higher wildfire risk cannot be ruled out. Across South Florida, there remains concerns for new fire ignition due to lightning potential as scattered storms affect the area. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 87 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 15,305 acres.

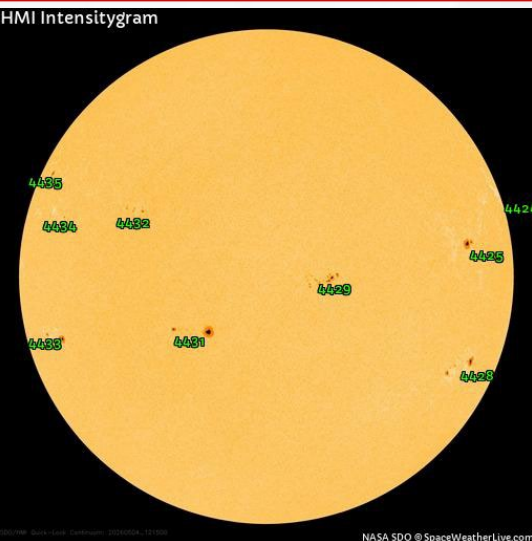
**Drought (4/30/26):** 98% of Florida remains in at least a severe drought, with 25% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwannee Valley) in an exceptional drought. This is the highest percentage area of drought since the U.S Drought Monitor was created in 2000. **Exceptional Drought (level 4 of 4)** expanded this week across the Florida Panhandle, now including Bay, Jackson, and portions of Washington County on the west side of the Exceptional Drought area. Little change was noted east of US-301 in Northeast Florida where Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) continues. Throughout West Central and Southwestern Florida, **Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4)** expanded further inland. In East Central Florida Moderate to severe drought (level 1-2 of 4) continues. In South Florida, Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) surrounds Lake Okeechobee and extends through Western Miami Dade County. Overall, nearly 80 percent of the state is in Extreme Drought (level 3 of 4) or worse as of this drought report. Rainfall deficits since the beginning of the water year (October 2025) are running 12-18 inches below normal or more across the entirety of North Florida. This has resulted in extremely low or record low streamflows within all river basins, streams, lakes, and ponds.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **502 (-20)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **42 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

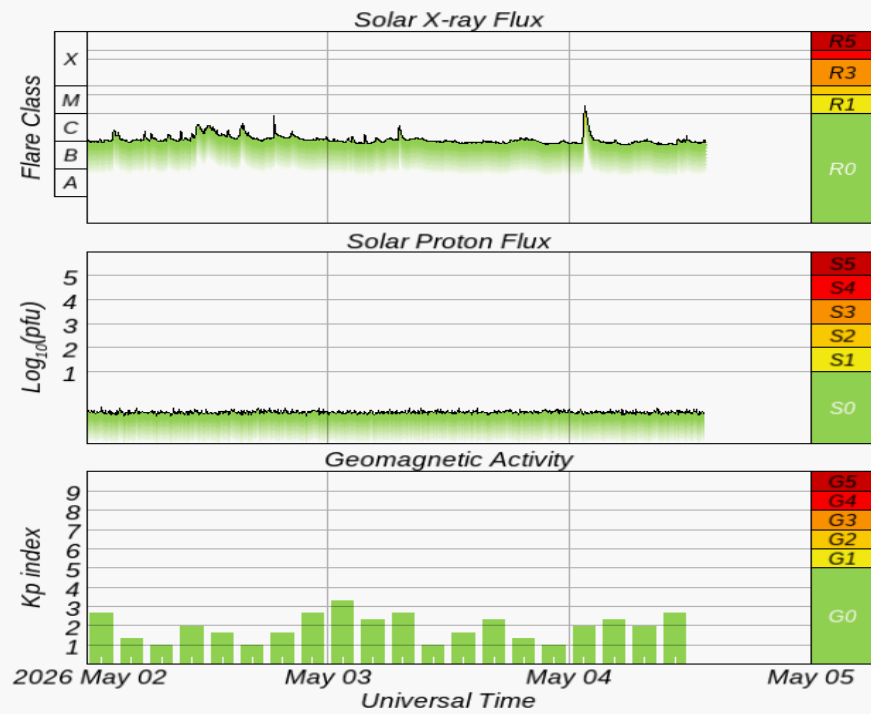
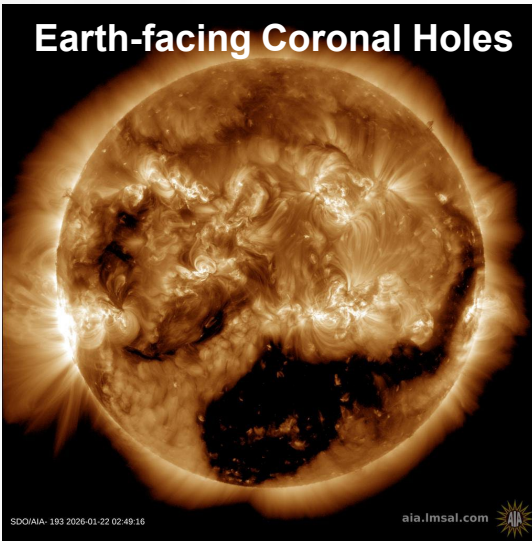




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M1 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	R1 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/4	5/5
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%

**Space Weather:** Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with chance for significant (M-class) solar flares through Wednesday. Any M-class flares that do develop will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts. The solar wind environment is expected to remain weakly enhanced through Wednesday, which will also keep quiet to unsettled geomagnetic field levels through mid-week as well. The overall space weather threat to Florida remains very low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
<b>Phone:</b>	850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071	Operational	
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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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<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://floridadisaster.org">https://floridadisaster.org</a>	Operational	

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