



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Monday, May 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	G-300 Course Co-Instruction / FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Dixie	FDEM & County EM Meeting / LSA Visit
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Sumter	G-400 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pasco	HMPC Meeting
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 8: Amber Durden	Indian River	FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	FDEM & County EM Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FIFA World Cup Meeting / FDEM & County EM Meeting

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 1

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

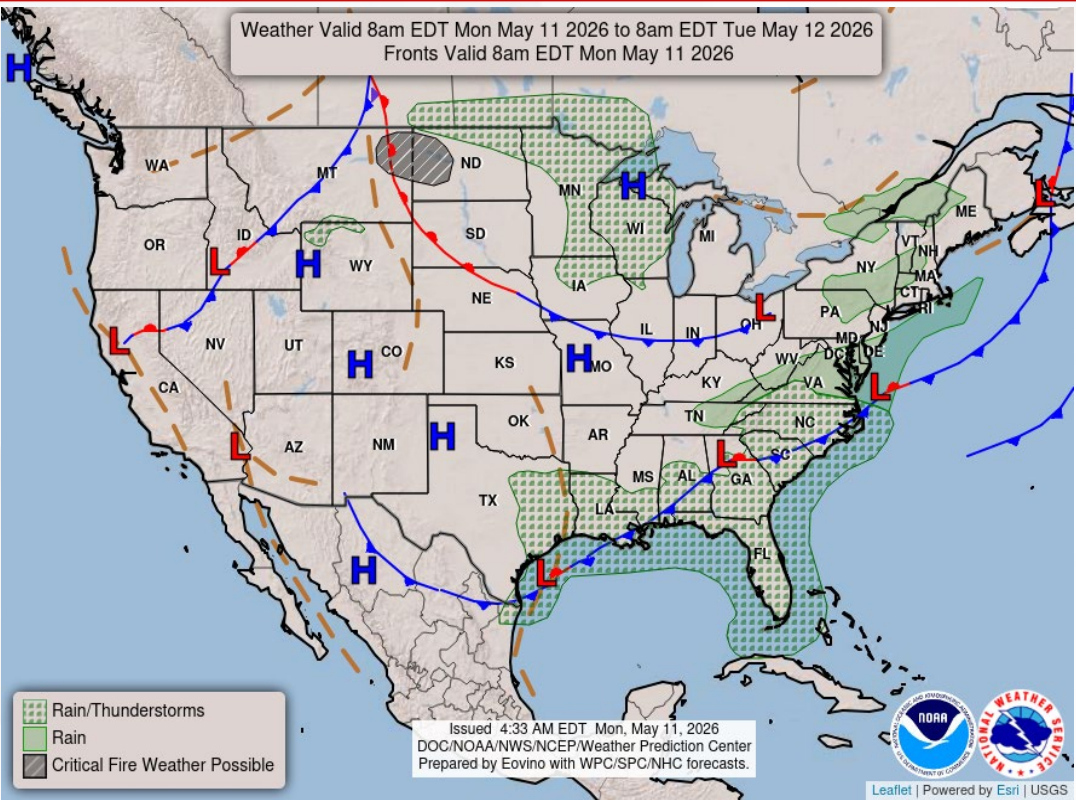
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	Teaching G-300
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Leon	Statewide Directors Call
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Alachua	EM/Stakeholders Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	LMS Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Seminole	Recovery Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Citrus	Directors 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	Out of Region	Leave (See Coverage)

Region 7 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor
 Region 8 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor
 Region 9 Coverage Provided By Recovery Coordinator 6 & Recovery RC Supervisor
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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

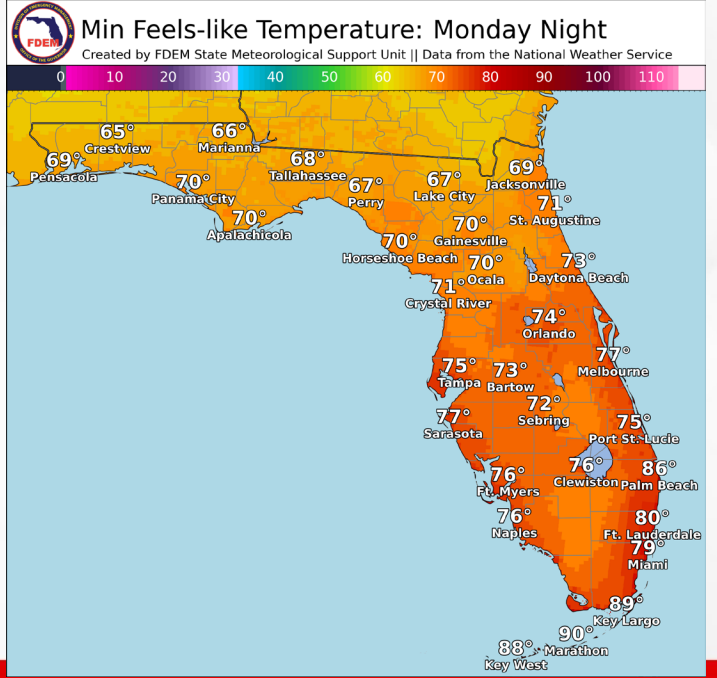
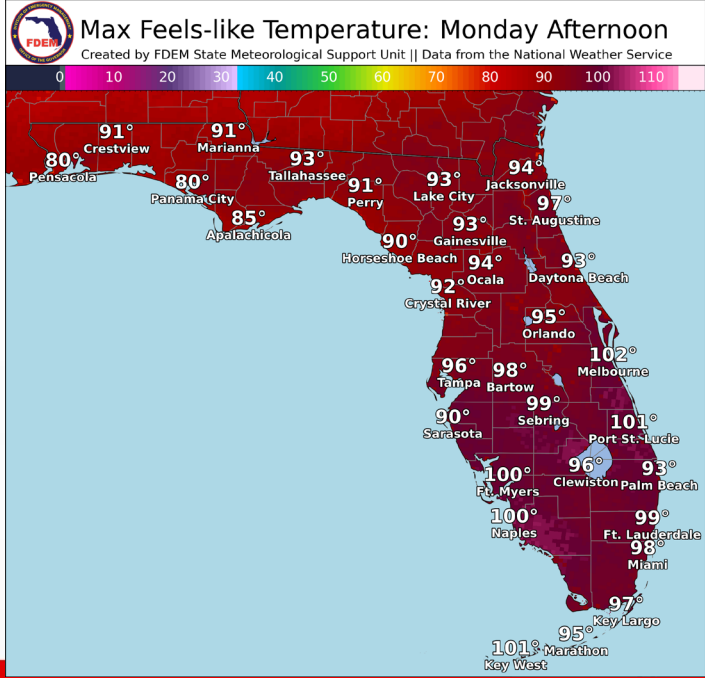


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	M	L	M	M	M	M
Tornado										
Damaging Wind			L	L	L		L	L		
Hail				L	L		L			
Flash Flooding	L							L	L	L
Extreme Heat						L	L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	M	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.38 ft. (2.01 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	496 (-15) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





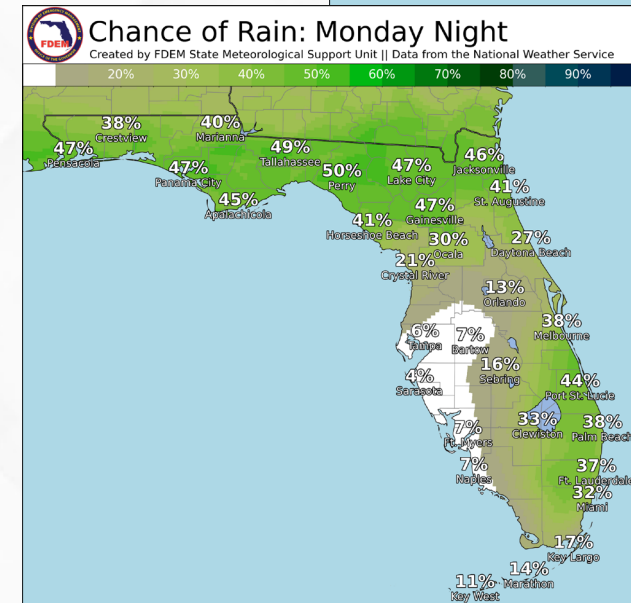
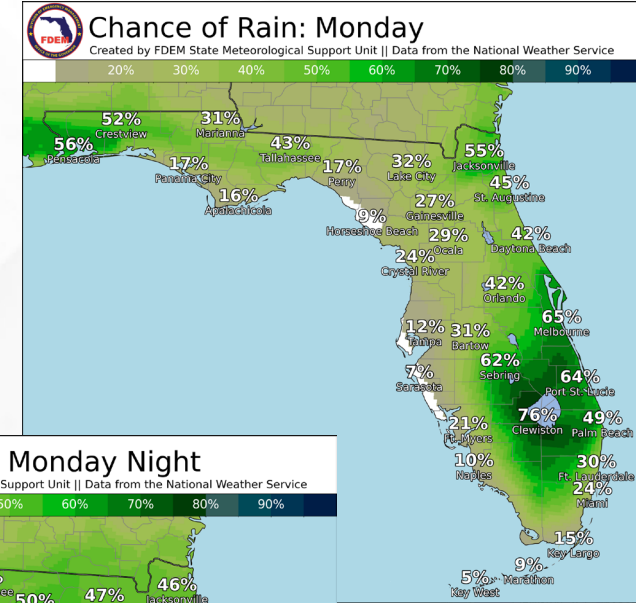
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Areas of **patchy dense fog** have developed throughout Northeast Florida this morning but will slowly lift and dissipate as the sun rises. Plenty of moisture will pool across the eastern Peninsula today where a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** is outlooked (45-75% chance of rain). A few **locally strong to severe thunderstorms** may develop along the East Coast sea breeze this afternoon which could be accompanied by gusty winds (40-60 mph), frequent lightning, and heavy downpours. The Gulf sea breeze will also push northward across the Panhandle today, helping to spark scattered showers and thunderstorms (40-60% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the western Panhandle for isolated instances of **nuisance flooding and ponding of water**, especially in urban and poor-drainage locations. Rainfall totals throughout the state are expected to remain generally below 1", however any areas that see repeated rounds of slow-moving storms could receive **upwards of 2-4" of rain**.

The wildfire danger today will be low across the state given relative humidities above critical thresholds and lighter winds. However, lightning strikes from any thunderstorms can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. High temperatures will reach the upper 80s to **middle 90s** throughout the state. Feels-like temperatures will soar into the **lower 100s** across portions of Central and South Florida.

Tonight, scattered showers and storms will likely continue across the Panhandle and Northeast Florida as a frontal system passes through (40-50% chance of rain). There remains uncertainty in how much of this activity remains onshore versus offshore. Should the heavier rain remain onshore, areas south of I-10 could see **upwards of 1-3" of rain** overnight and before daybreak Tuesday. A few storms will also linger across Southeast Florida before pushing offshore after midnight (40-50% chance of rain). Low temperatures only fall into the upper 60s to middle 70s for much of the state, with upper 70s to lower 80s in the Southeast metro and Keys.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: Surf conditions will relax along the Panhandle coast today, allowing for a return to a **moderate risk for rip currents**. A **moderate risk** is also expected for most East Coast beaches with a low risk persisting along the Southeast beaches and the West Coast. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: A mostly calm sea state is expected for all beaches today with surf near 1-2'. Some waves may reach near 3' for the Treasure Coast.

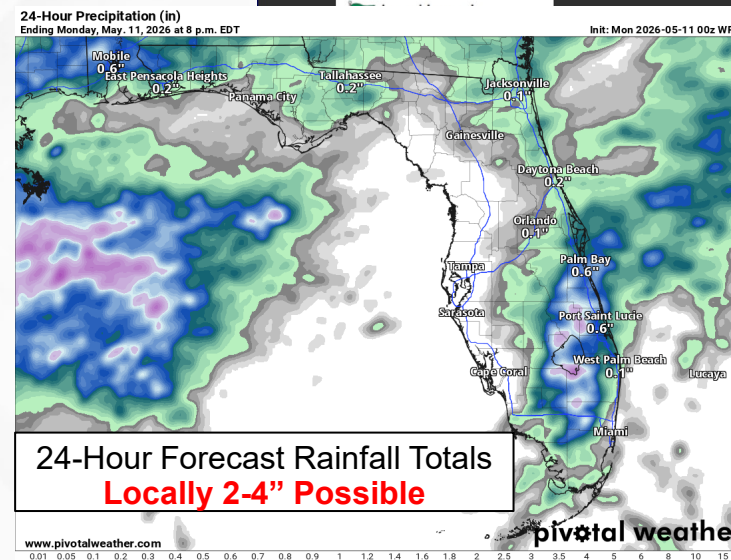
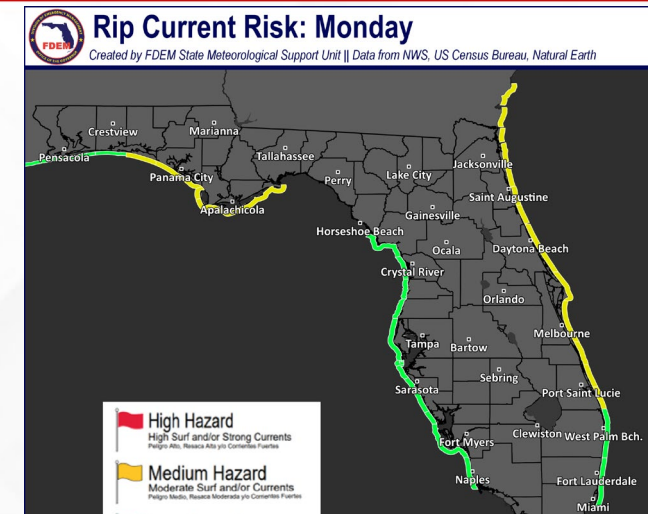
Red Tide was observed at background concentrations in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, and Sarasota counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/8/26).

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

Flash Flooding: A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked across the far western Panhandle today for a few **locally heavy** thunderstorms that could lead to **nuisance flooding** in urban and poor-drainage locations. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are also expected throughout the eastern Peninsula and South Florida today, some of which could be **locally heavy**. Rainfall totals are expected to remain generally below 1" for most areas that see rain, though **locally higher totals** upwards of 2-4" cannot be ruled out.

Riverine Flooding: The [Big Coldwater Creek near Milton](#) and [Shoal River near Crestview](#) have reached Action Stage (*bank-full*) across the western Panhandle where recent heavy rainfall has fallen. Both are forecast to slowly fall back below Action Stage by the middle portions of this week. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 11.38 feet, which is within the operational band and is 2.01 feet below normal for this time of year.



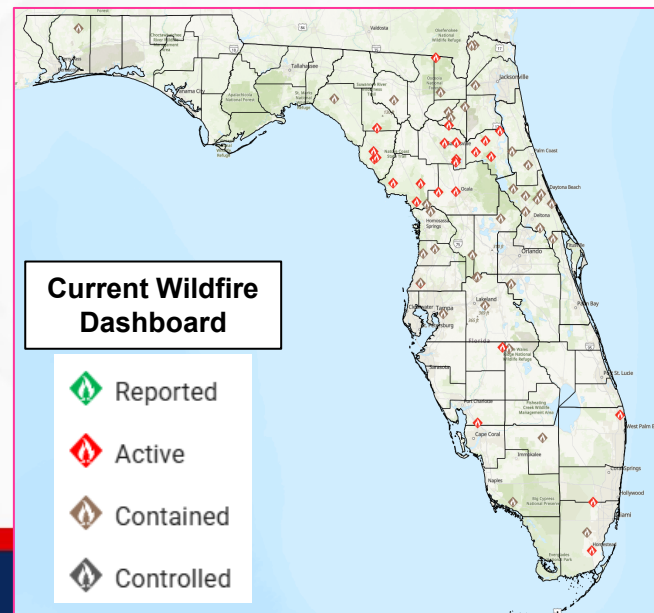
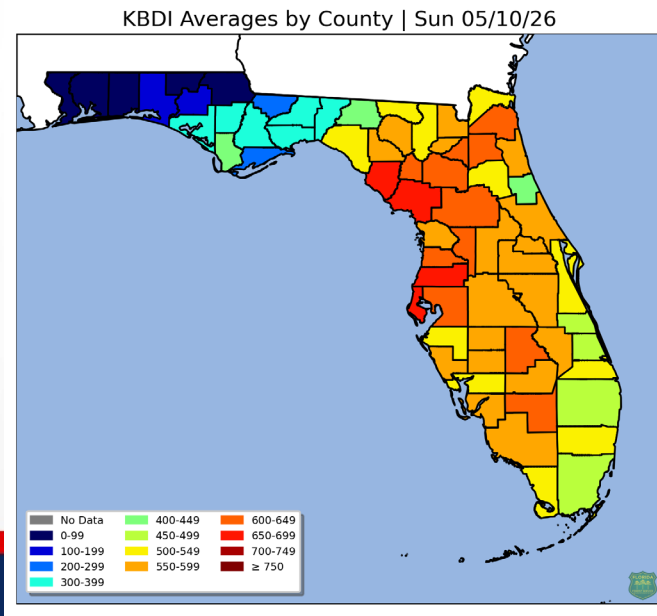
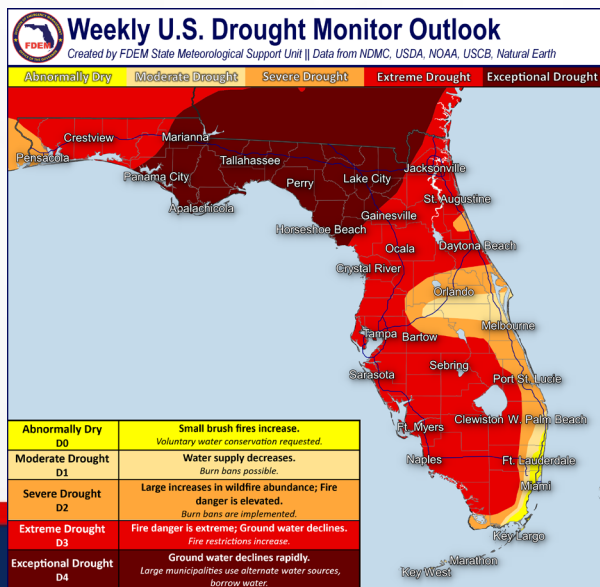


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Wildfire danger is expected to be low today given relative humidities above critical thresholds and winds generally light and below 15-20 mph. However, scattered showers and thunderstorms may be accompanied by lightning throughout the state today which can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones. Areas of **patchy dense fog** may also develop across the state before daybreak Tuesday, which could lead to significantly reduced visibilities in and around active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 61 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 22,613 acres.

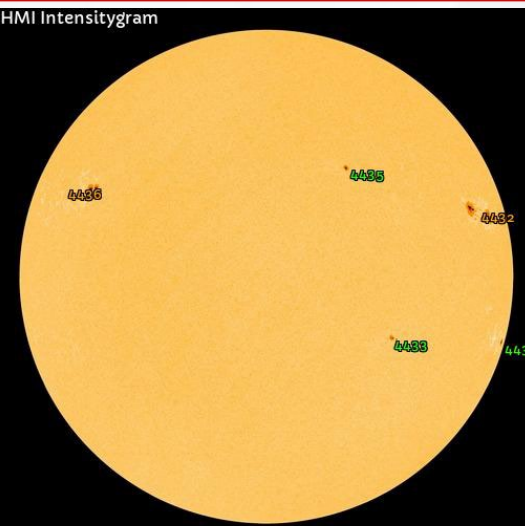
Drought (5/5/26): No improvements to the drought were made on this weeks latest update, with last weekends rainfall across the Panhandle and Big Bend doing little more than stabilizing the current drought situation. Rainfall amounts tallied up to 2-3" across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, though streamflows and soil moisture levels remain paltry and near or surpassing record lows. Lighter rainfall fell throughout the Peninsula, with spotty showers and storms bringing rainfall totals of 0.5-1.5" to most locations. Increasing temperatures with this lighter rain brought worsening drought conditions throughout the Peninsula. Expansion of the **extreme drought (level 3 of 4)** was added across West-Central Florida, further inland to include all of Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus counties. Some expansion eastward was also made throughout South Florida, closer to the Southeast metro region. Along the I-4 corridor in Central Florida, the area of **moderate (level 1 of 4)** to **severe drought (level 2 of 4)** has shrunk even further. **Extreme (level 3 of 4)** to **exceptional drought (level 4 of 4)** was untouched throughout North Florida on this week's update where rainfall deficits since the beginning of the water year (October 2025) are still near 12-18 inches across the area. 98% of Florida remains in at least a moderate drought, with 25% of the state (eastern Panhandle to Suwannee Valley) in an exceptional drought. Looking ahead, some additional waves of showers and thunderstorms may bring beneficial rainfall to North Florida through the weekend and early next week. However, a widespread slow drenching rainfall is not expected.

The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **496 (-15)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **45 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

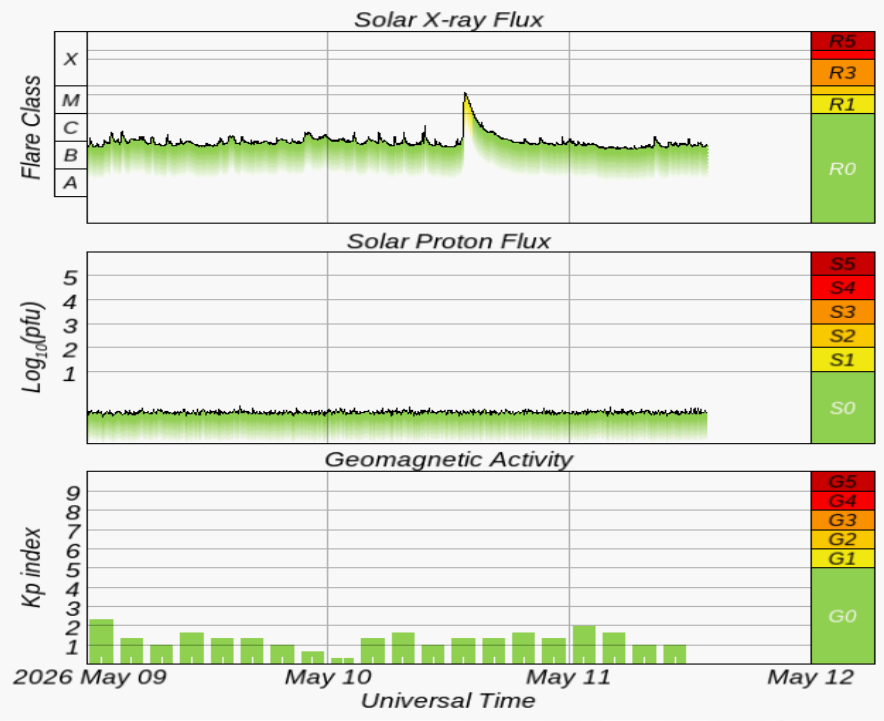




Space Weather



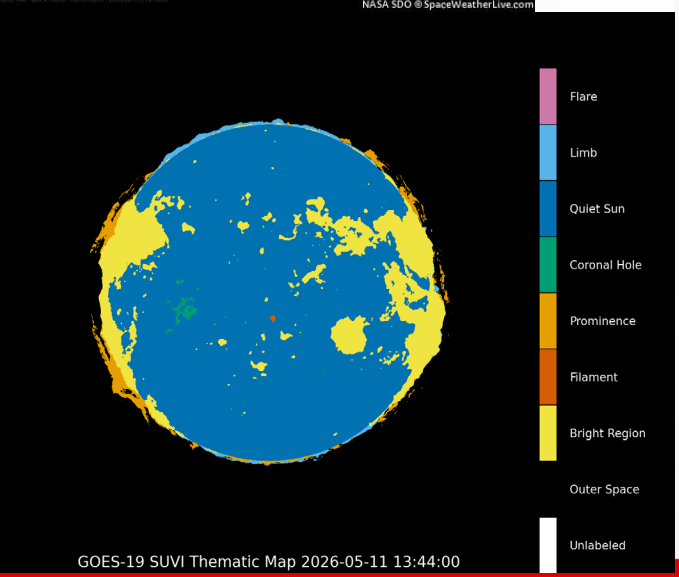
Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 40%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M5 Solar Flare
X-class: 20%	Radiation Storm: None	R2 Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/11	5/12
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%

Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for a significant (M-class) flare and a slight chance for a severe (X-class) flare. Any M-class flares that do develop will be accompanied by minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts and any X-class flares accompanied by strong (R3 or greater) blackouts. Solar wind conditions will remain mildly enhanced under positive coronal hole influences. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels through the start of the week. The overall space threat to Florida is 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	
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