



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

## **Morning Situation Report**

Tuesday, May 12, 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 / State Wildfire Meeting
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	<b>Out of Service</b>	<b>Leave (See Coverage)</b>
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Columbia	Wildfire Coordination
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Putnam	Georgia Pacific Hurricane Preparedness Meeting
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Sumter	G-400 Course Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Hillsborough	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	Polk	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 8: Amber Durden	St. Lucie	County EM Visit
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Red Cross Meeting
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Miami-Dade	FDEM Equipment Deployment Support / DHS Meeting

Region 2 Coverage Provided by Response Coordinator 1

Status
Normal Operations
<b>Out of Service / Unavailable</b>



# Recovery Regional Coordination Team

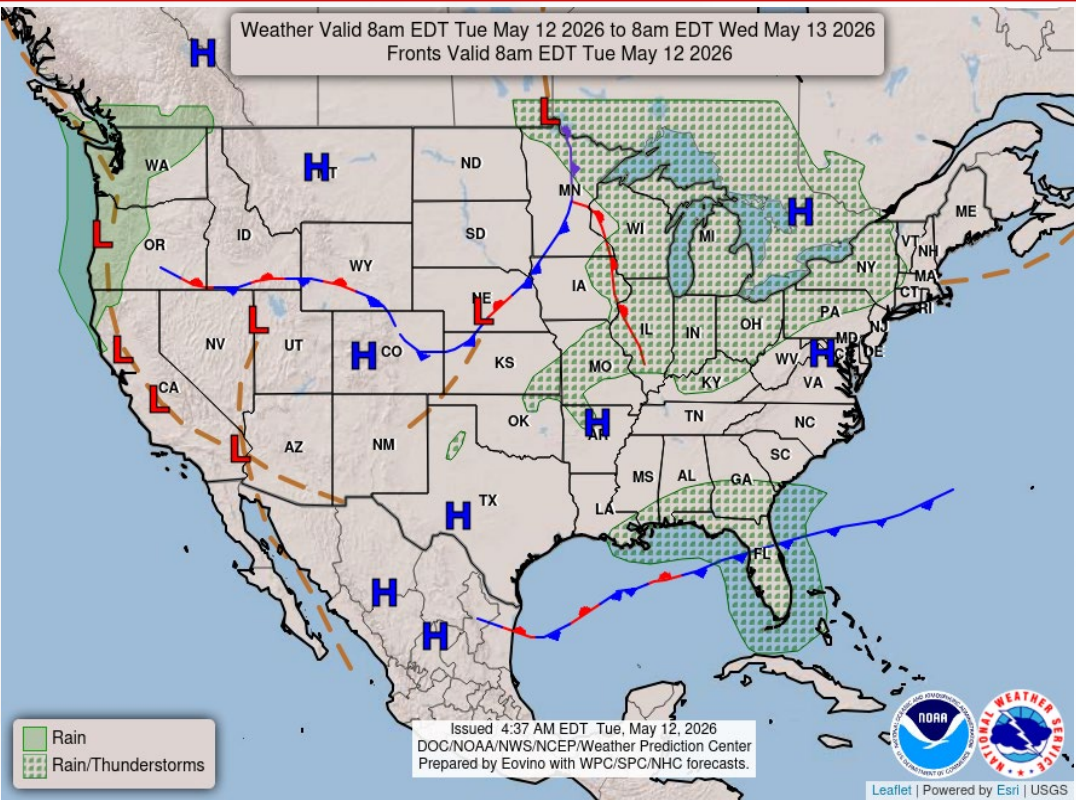
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Bay	Teaching G-300
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Calhoun	Statewide Directors Call
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Leon	EM/Stakeholders Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Putnam	LMS Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Orange	Recovery Meeting
Region 6: Rick 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	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

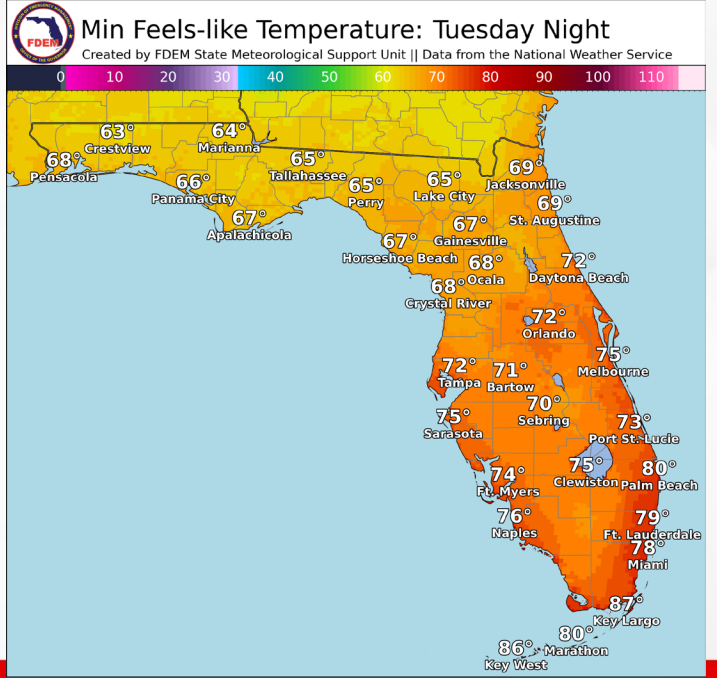
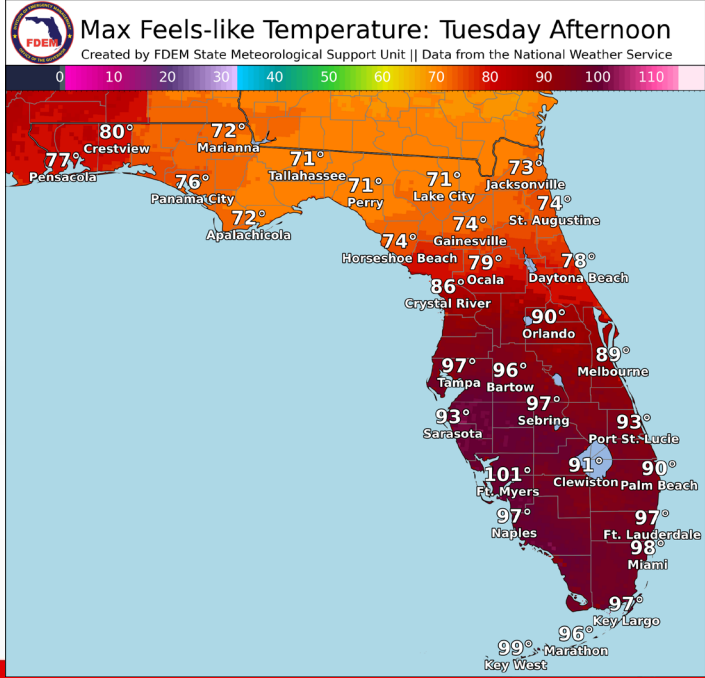


# Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning	L	L	L	L	M	M	H	H	M	M
Tornado					L		L	L		
Damaging Wind				L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail					L		L	L		
Flash Flooding				L	L		L	L		L
Extreme Heat						L	L	L	L	L
Fog (Overnight)	L				L	L	L			
Wildfire	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Rip Currents	M	M	L	H	M	L		M	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	11.41 ft. (1.95 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	498 (+2) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





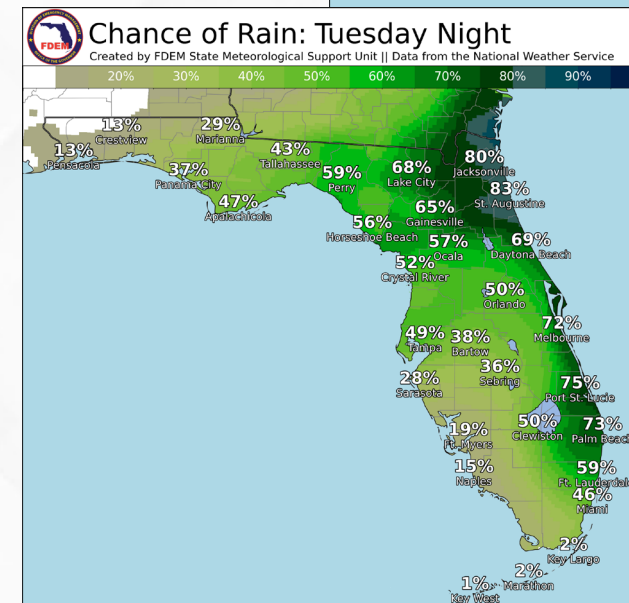
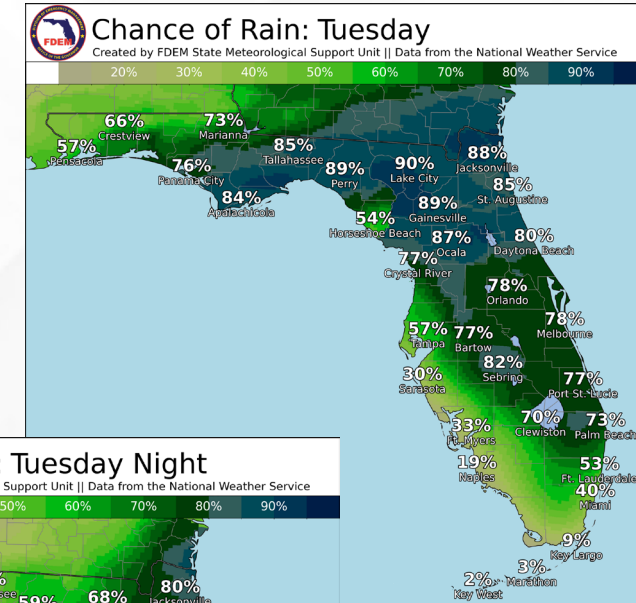
# Meteorology Summary

## Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A wet and rainy day is expected throughout much of the state as a cold front slides southward through the Sunshine State today. Scattered showers with embedded thunderstorms are ongoing across the Panhandle and Big Bend this morning, and additional activity is expected to develop across the Peninsula as the front pushes southward into the state later today (70-90% chance of rain). A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 5) for Severe Weather** is outlooked across Central and Southeast Florida this afternoon for the development of a few **locally strong to severe thunderstorms**. The primary hazards with these thunderstorms will be frequent lightning, gusty winds (40-60 mph), and perhaps a brief tornado or two. Additionally, ample tropical moisture will support **locally heavy downpours** which could lead to a **quick 2-3" of rain** in any areas that see a slow-moving heavy thunderstorm. The ongoing drought will limit flood potential, though a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked along the I-95 corridor today for instances of **localized street flooding and ponding of water** in urban and poor-drainage locations.

High temperatures will remain in the 70s throughout North Florida today due to abundant cloud cover. Highs will reach the middle 80s to lower 90s in Central and South Florida, with feels-like temperatures approaching the **lower 100s** in Southwest Florida. Wildfire danger will remain very low today given relative humidities well above critical thresholds, though thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty/erratic winds can spark new wildfires or reignite existing ones.

Tonight, scattered showers and thunderstorms will continue through the evening across the Big Bend and Peninsula before slowly pushing eastward and offshore (45-75% chance of rain). Low temperatures will fall into the 60s in North Florida with 70s throughout Central and South Florida. Instances of **patchy fog** cannot be ruled out along the I-4 corridor and the western Panhandle by daybreak Wednesday.





# Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

**Rip Currents:** Increasing surf will bring a **high risk for rip currents** to all Northeast Florida beaches today. A **moderate risk** is expected for most Panhandle and Atlantic Coast beaches, with a low risk persisting for the West Coast and Southeast Florida. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit [www.weather.gov/beach](http://www.weather.gov/beach).

**Marine Hazards:** Seas will begin to build again across First and Space Coast beaches with the frontal passage today. Waves will reach **3-5'** this afternoon, surging southward to include the Treasure Coast overnight. Waves will also increase along Panhandle beaches today and tonight, with surf of **2-4'**. Waves will remain near 1-2' for all West Coast and South Florida beaches.

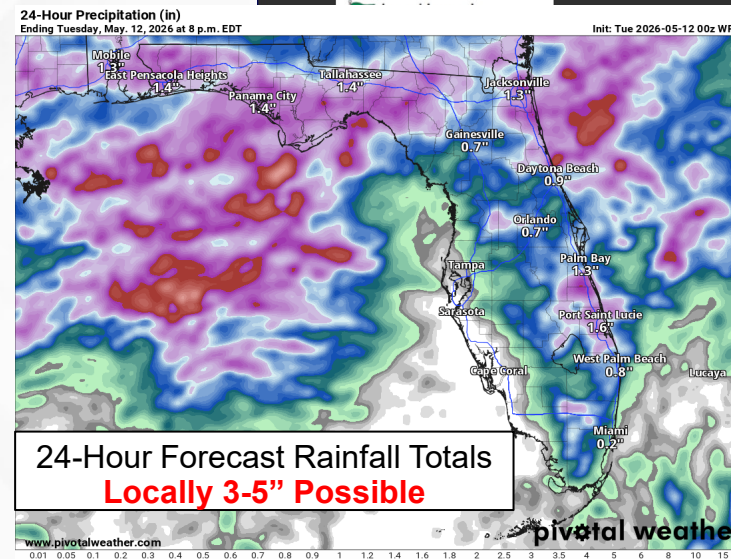
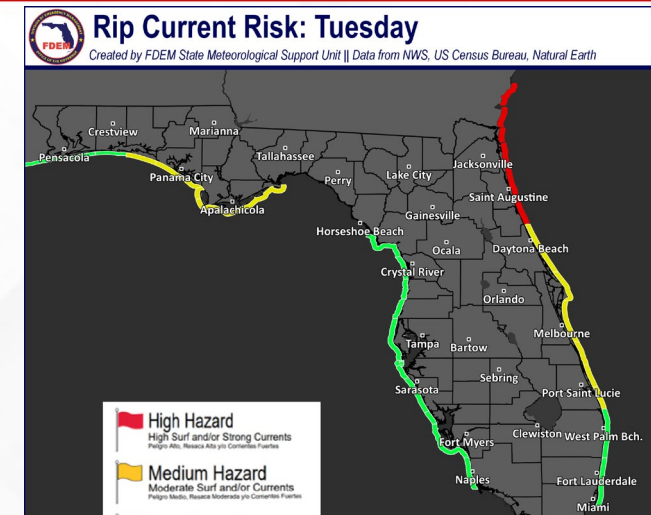
**Red Tide** was observed at background concentrations in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, and Sarasota counties. It was not observed elsewhere across the state (valid 5/8/26).

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

**Flash Flooding:** A **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked along the Florida East Coast today where ample tropical moisture will support **locally heavy thunderstorms** this afternoon. Although flooding concerns will be mitigated due to the ongoing drought, areas that see repeated rounds of slow-moving thunderstorms could receive **upwards of 2-4"** of rainfall in a short amount of time, which could promote **nuisance flooding** in urban and poor-drainage locations. Rainfall totals throughout the state today should remain below 1-2" for most, however localized areas of **3-5"** cannot be ruled out.

**Riverine Flooding:** The [Big Coldwater Creek near Milton](#) and [Shoal River near Crestview](#) are forecast to crest into 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 end of this week. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

[Lake Okeechobee's](#) average elevation is 11.41 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.95 feet below normal for this time of year.



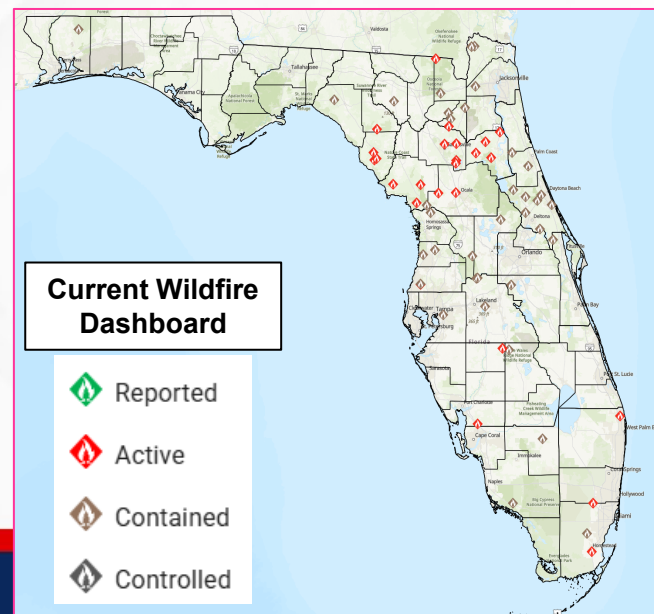
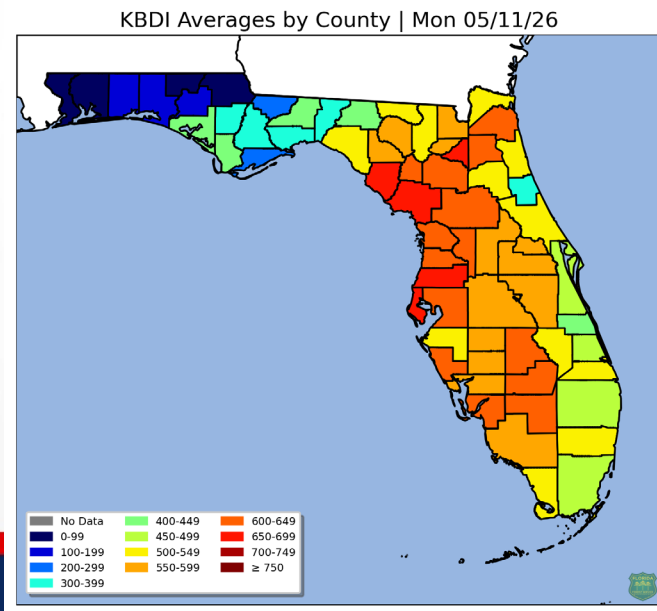
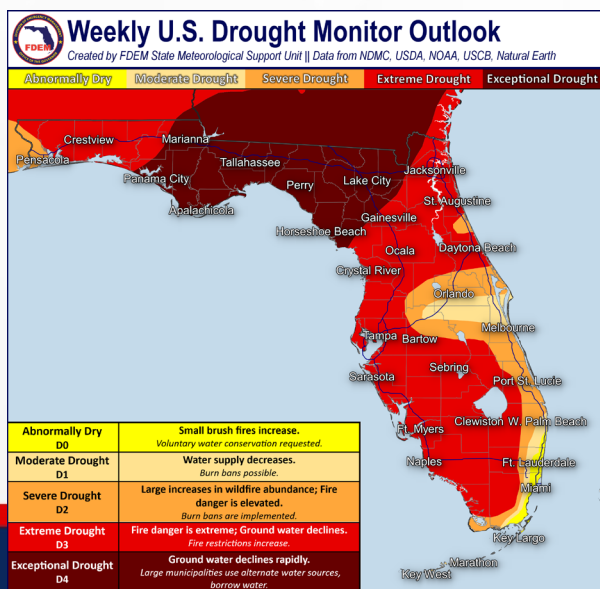


# Drought & Fire Weather

**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. Some winds gusts **upwards of 20-25 mph** cannot be ruled out across North Florida this afternoon. 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 Central Florida and the western Panhandle before daybreak Wednesday, which could lead to significantly reduced visibilities in and around active wildfires. According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 58 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 28,955 acres.

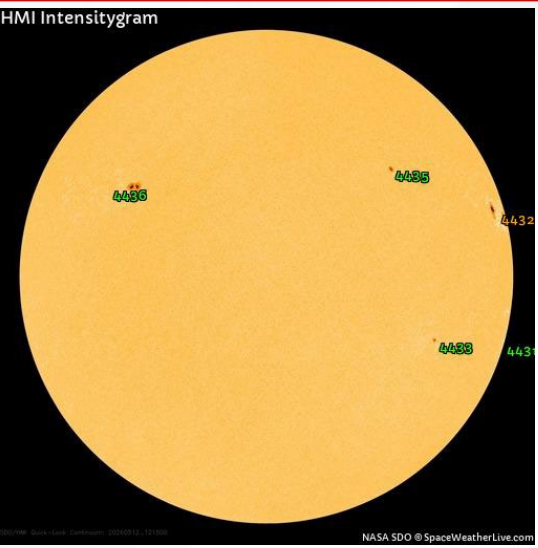
**Drought (5/5/26):** No improvements to the drought were made on this weeks latest update, with last weekends rainfall across the Panhandle and Big Bend doing little more than stabilizing the current drought situation. Rainfall amounts tallied up to 2-3" across much of the Panhandle and Big Bend, though 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 **498 (+2)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **44 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).

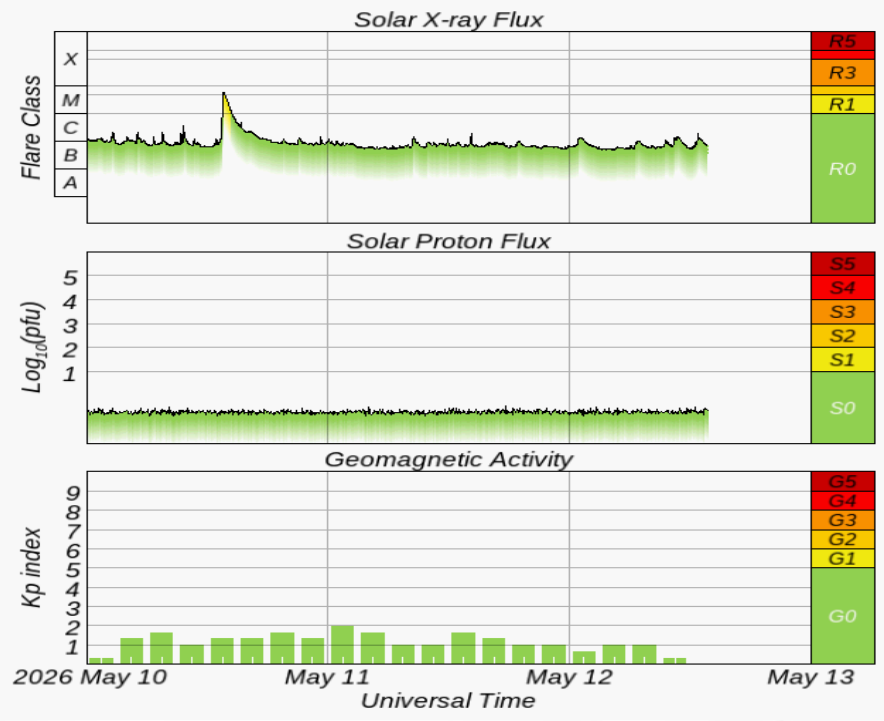




# Space Weather



Current Sunspots



Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 45%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 10%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackout

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
5/12	5/13
Max Kp= 4 (G0)	Max Kp= 4 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 10% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 20% severe activity = 5%

**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 at ambient background levels before a glancing blow from a Coronal Mass Ejection (CME) arrives late today and early tomorrow, bringing enhanced solar wind speeds. The geomagnetic field is expected to be at quiet to unsettled levels before the glancing CME bring active conditions to periods of Minor (G1) storming. The overall space threat to Florida is very low.



# SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

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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
<b>Satellite Phones:</b>	MSAT 888-890-5178; Iridium 480-263-8838	Operational	
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