Florida Division of Emergency Management
State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Friday, November 20, 2026

State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 1: Full Activation

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Response Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Franklin	County EM Meeting / RCT Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Leon	Equipment Pickup
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Flagler	Flood Response / SERT Calls
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	Volusia, Brevard	Flood Response / SERT Calls
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Pinellas	ESF-8 Meeting / SERT Calls
Region 7: Brian Carey	Polk	Agency Representative Application Admin / SERT Calls
Region 8: Keila Puello	Palm Beach	Flood Response / RCT Meeting
Region 9: Brittany Bremer	Lee	Office Admin / SERT Calls
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	Flood Response / SERT Calls

Region 1 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 1

Status
Normal Operations
Out of Service / Unavailable

Recovery Regional Coordination Team

Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Not Available	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 3: Kevin Blom	Hamilton	EM Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Bradford	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 5: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 7: Allen Renn	Leon	HQ Visit / Travel to Region 7
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A (See Coverage)
Region 10: Brian Lee	Broward	Fall Flooding

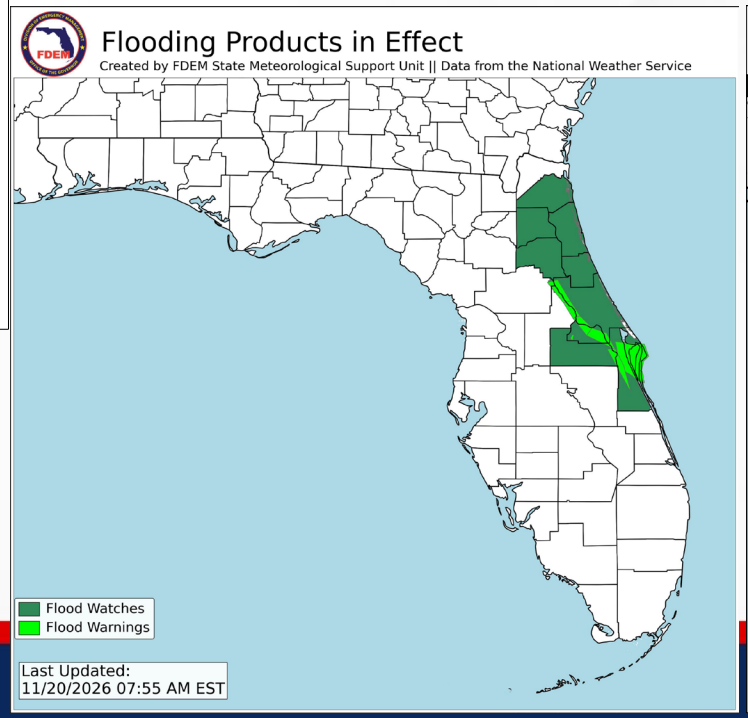
Region 1, 2 & 6 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 3
Region 5 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 4
Regions 8 & 9 Coverage Provided by Recovery Coordinator 10

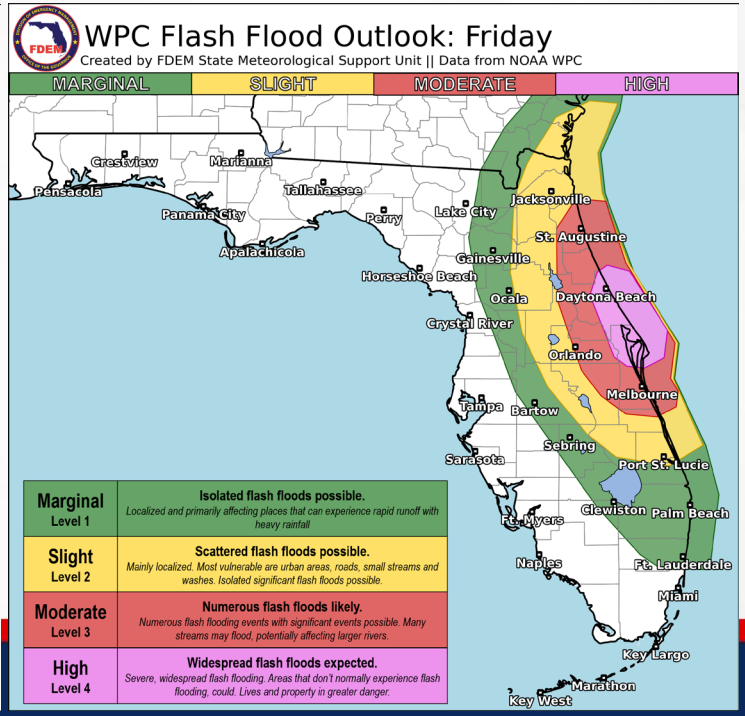
Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
Out of Service / Unavailable

Meteorology Summary

Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning		L	L	L	L					
Tornado										
Damaging Wind										
Hail										
Flash Flooding			L	H	H		M	M		
Cold Weather Hazards										
Fog (Overnight)										
Wildfire										
Rip Currents	H	H	H	H	H	L		H	L	H
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	14.76 ft. (0.17 ft. Below Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	156 (-37) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





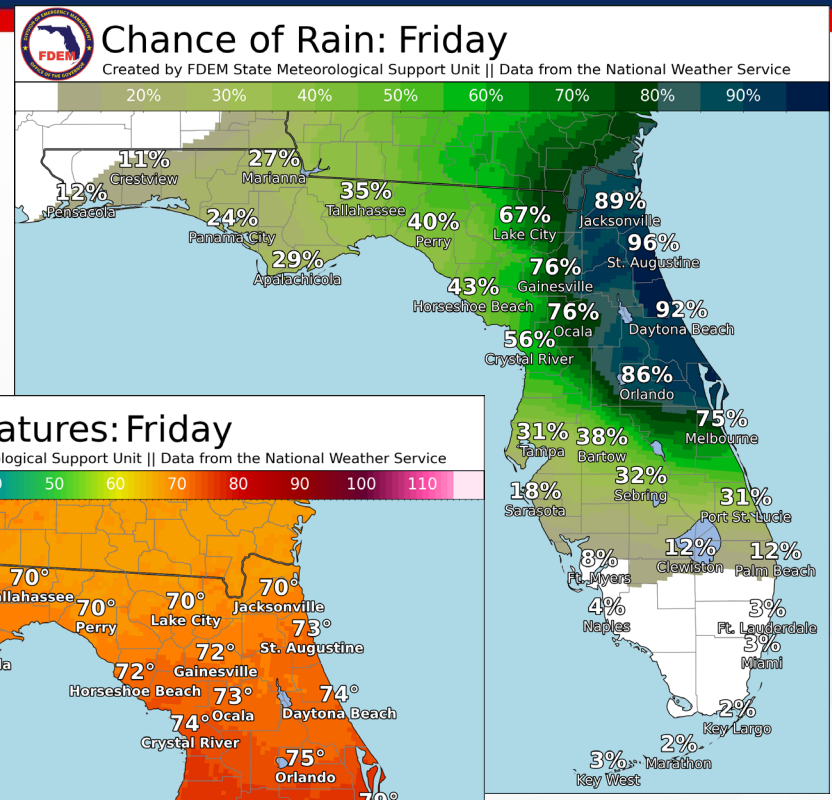
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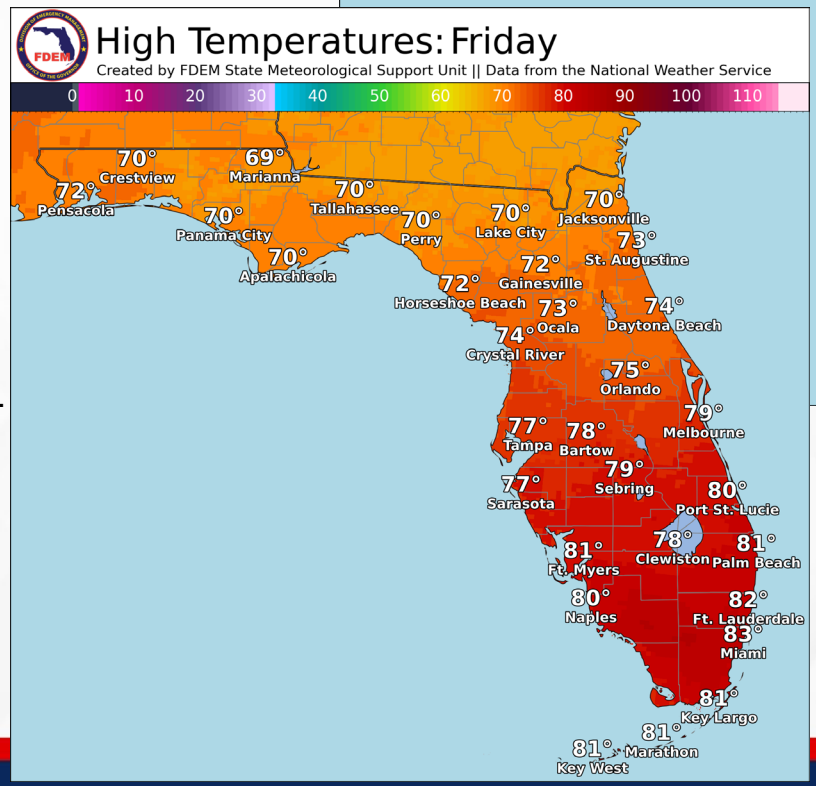
Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

A multi-day and impactful flash flooding event will continue for one more day across the upper Florida East Coast. The atmosphere over the state of Florida remains moist enough to support ongoing flash flooding. Strong onshore, easterly flow will continue today and worsen along areas north of Brevard. This will help promote the development of widespread showers and storms piling up along the coastal Northeast Florida, moving westward with easterly surface flow. This setup favors intermittent development of training bands of showers and storms that repeatedly impact the same area. It is in these areas where the flash flood risk will be maximized. A **High Risk (level 4 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked today across coastal northern Brevard, Volusia, and Flagler Counties. A **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked from Brevard to Duval Counties, including inland East Central and Northeastern Counties. **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** north and south of these risk areas and along the remaining East Coast, extending inland as well. Widespread rainfall accumulations of **3-5”** can be expected today north of Brevard, with locally higher totals **in excess of 12”** in the High and Moderate Risk Area. **Flood Watches** are in effect from Duval County southward to Central Brevard, including some interior Peninsular counties in Central and Northeast FL.

High temperatures will be about the same across North Florida today, with continued and persistent cloud coverage and afternoon showers that should limit the degree of solar heating. High temperatures will peak in the lower 70s in the Panhandle as a result. In Northeast Florida and the Peninsula, high temperatures will be slightly warmer today and generally range from the lower 70s in northern locations to the lower 80s in southern locations. Overnight low temperatures will range from the low to mid-60s across North Florida, to the mid-60s, lower 70s, and middle 70s across Central, South Florida, and the FL Keys.

Flood Warnings remain in effect along the St. Johns River until further notice. Further river rises are expected as a result of the expected multi-day heavy rainfall event.





Tropical Weather

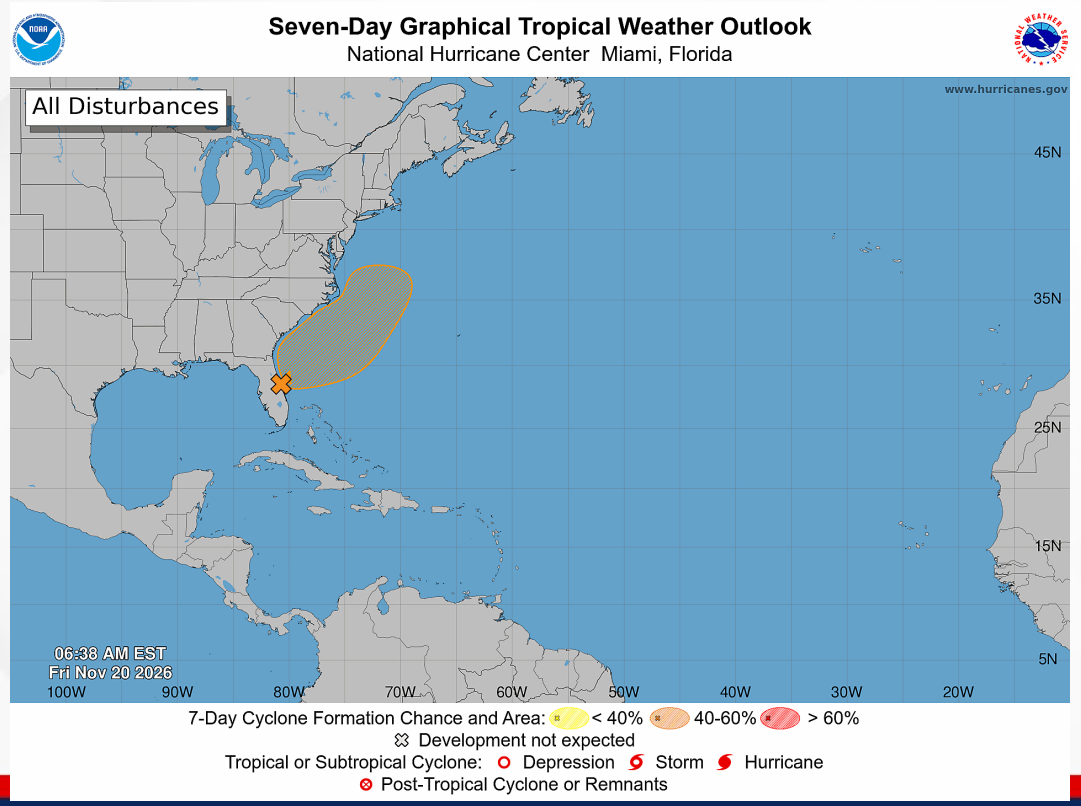
For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

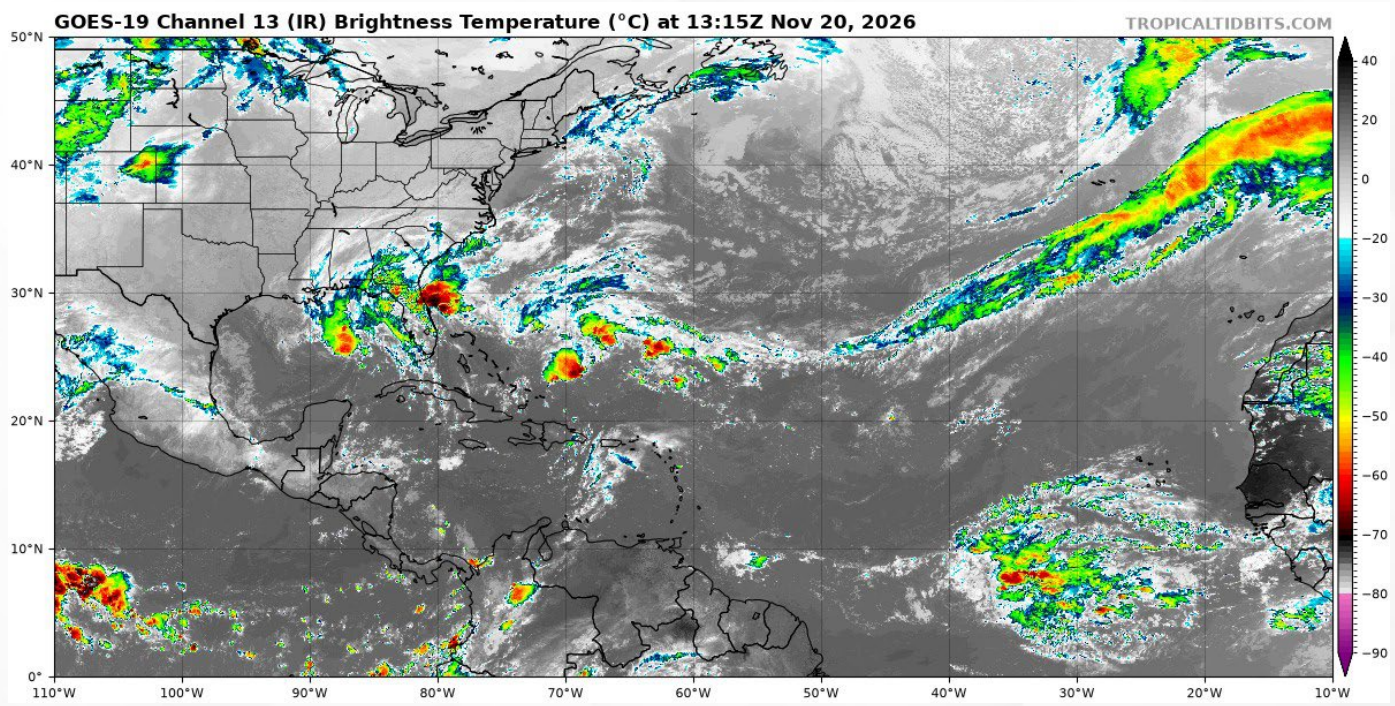
Southeast Atlantic:

Surface observations indicate that a broad low pressure area is now located near the east coast of central Florida. The low is currently producing disorganized showers and thunderstorms extending from the central Florida peninsula east-southeastward over the Atlantic. This system could acquire subtropical or tropical characteristics while it moves generally northward to north-northeastward near or just offshore of the southeastern United States coast through the weekend.

This system poses no threat to Florida.

- Formation chance through 48 hours... low... 30 percent.
- Formation chance through 7 days... medium... 50 percent.





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: There is a **High Risk for Rip Currents** today across all East Coast and most Panhandle Beaches today. A low risk for rip currents is outlooked across the remainder of the state. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: **Poor marine conditions** continue today with strong easterly winds of **25-35 knots** north of Brevard. A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect today for all East Coast Florida Waters north of the Keys, with advisories also in effect across the Panhandle and Big Bend eastward to Dixie County. **Gale Warnings** are in effect until tonight across East Central and Northeast Florida, extending from Brevard to Nassau Counties. Wave heights increase to **9-13'** across the East Coast from Indian River County northward, up to **3-5'** across Southeast Florida, and 2-4' across Panhandle beaches. West Coast Beaches will remain comparatively lower, at 2-3'.

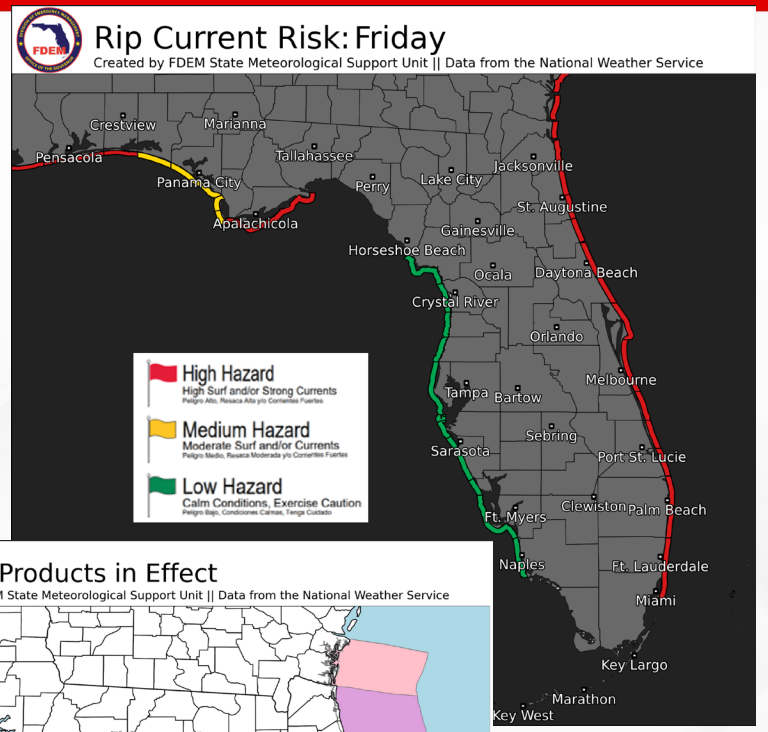
Red Tide: Red tide was observed at background concentrations in Pinellas, Sarasota, Escambia, and Collier counties. **Low concentrations** were observed in Walton County. **Medium concentrations** were observed in Bay County. **High concentrations** were observed in Gulf County (11/13).

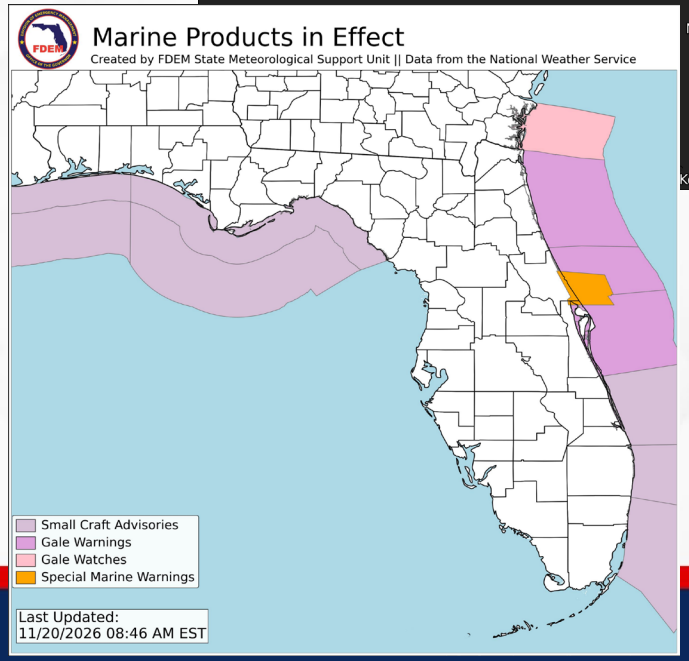
Coastal Flooding: A **Coastal Flood Statement** is in effect today across the Upper Keys. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is in effect for the Tidal St. Johns and Coastal Flagler County.

Flash Flooding: One more day of impactful flash-flooding is expected today across the upper East Coast of Florida. A **High Risk (level 4 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked today across coastal northern Brevard, Volusia, and Flagler Counties as strong and moist onshore flow promotes prolific shower and thunderstorm development. A **Moderate Risk (level 3 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is outlooked from Brevard to Duval Counties, including inland East Central and Northeastern Counties. Along the remaining East Coast north and south of these risks and further inland, a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** is in effect. This setup favors the development of training and back-building bands that could repeatedly impact the same areas. It is in these bands where the flash flooding threat is maximized. For today, widespread **3-5"** is expected north of Brevard. Some locations, especially in the High Risk and regions north, could be **in excess of 12"** of rainfall today. For more information, visit the Weather Prediction Center.

Riverine Flooding: The St Johns River near Cocoa is in ***Record*** **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to stay in **Major Flood Stage** with the potential for more rises over the weekend. The St Johns River above Lake Harney is in **Major Flood Stage** and is expected to reach **Record Major Flood Stage** this weekend. The St. Johns River near Sanford is expected to reach **Major Flood Stage** mid next week and the St. Johns River near Deland will rise into **Major Flood Stage** by this weekend. Finally, the St Johns River at Astor has risen to **Moderate Flood Stage** and is expected to rise into **Major Flood Stage** by next week. The flash-flooding event has exasperated riverine flooding; however, rain is finally coming to an end over the same areas that saw flash flooding two weeks ago. The Little Wekiva River near Altamonte Springs is in Action Stage and may reach **Minor Flood Stage** over the coming days. There could be changes in these river flooding forecasts in the coming days. For information, visit the River Forecast Center.

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 14.76 feet, which is 0.17 feet below normal for this time of year and within normal operating band.



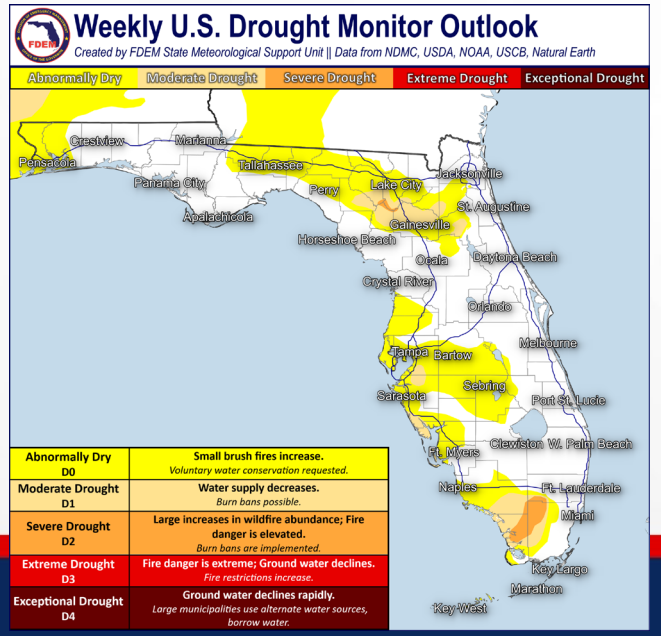


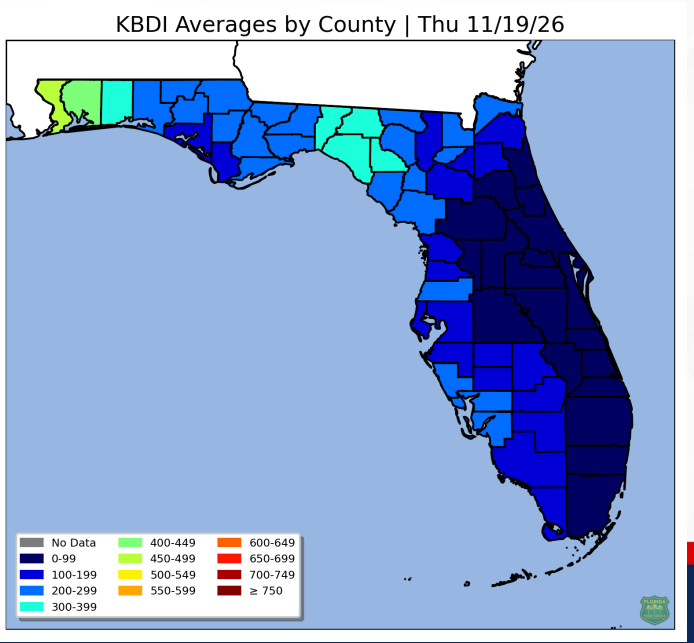
Drought & Fire Weather

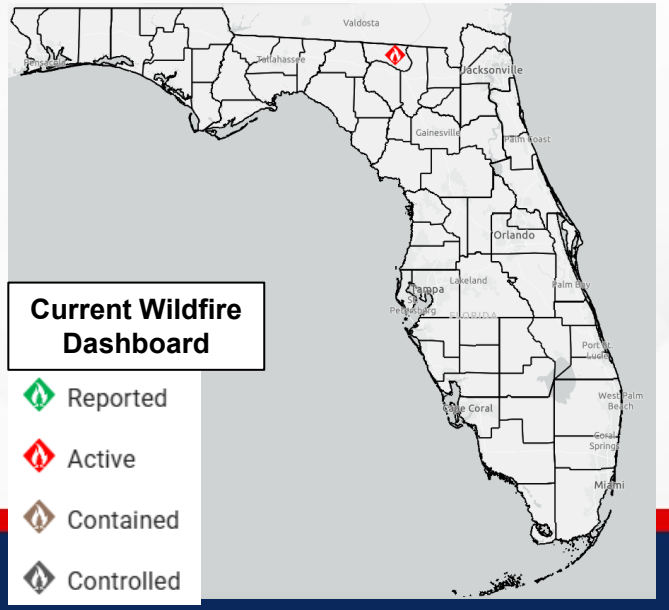
Fire Weather: No fire weather concerns are forecast today. Minimum relative humidities will remain unseasonably moist across the state as heavy rainfall and flash flooding continues for one more day across East Central and Northeast Florida. According to the Florida Forest Service, there is 1 active wildfire burning approximately 2060 acres.

Drought (11/20/26): Modest improvements were made in Northeast Florida this week due to rainfall and higher river levels, with more improvements on the way. 1 category level improvements in South Florida led to a smaller area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) in the Everglades between Monroe and Miami-Dade County. The severe drought (level 2 of 4) remains the same across South Florida. Along the Florida West Coast, small 1 category drought improvements through the Tampa metro and Fort Myers, resulted in a smaller area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) near Port Charlotte and Cape Coral. There was a large 1 category improvement in the Santa Fe River Basin this week. The area of moderate drought (level 1 of 4) decreased to the areas around the Suwannee River. A small area of in severe drought (level 2 of 4) remains in North Central Florida. Much of the state is not in a drought designation this week. Only about 1% of the state remains in severe drought (level 2 of 4). Slight drought increases were made across the Suwannee River Basin westward to Gadsden County. Slight drought increases were also placed over Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. About 64% of the state has no drought designation.

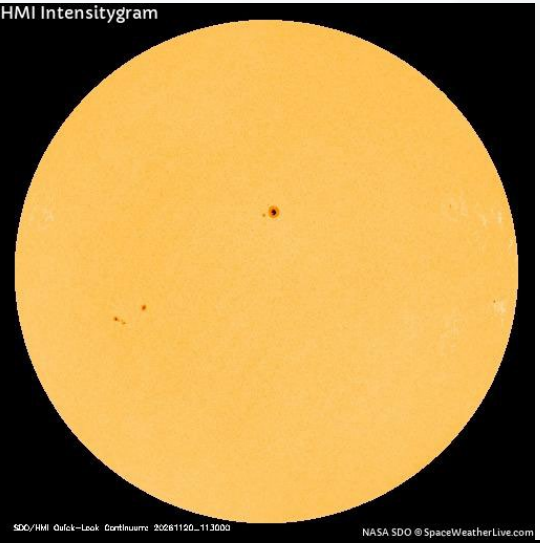
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index average for Florida on Tuesday was **156 (-37)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry).There are **0 out of 67** Florida counties that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).



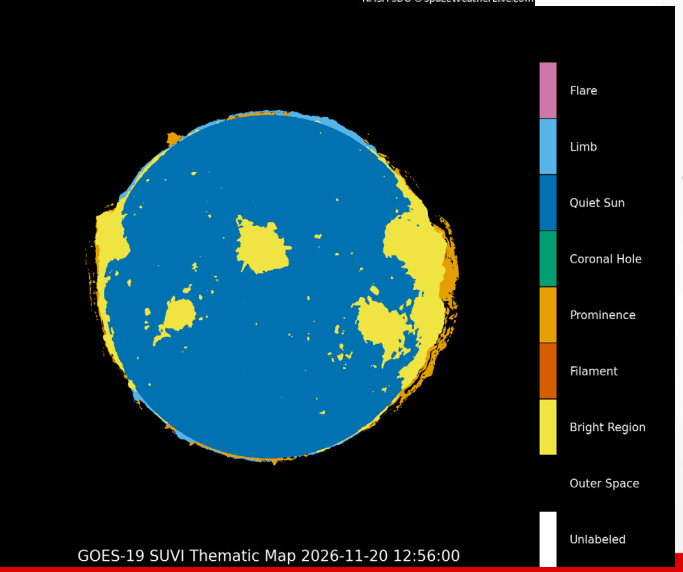


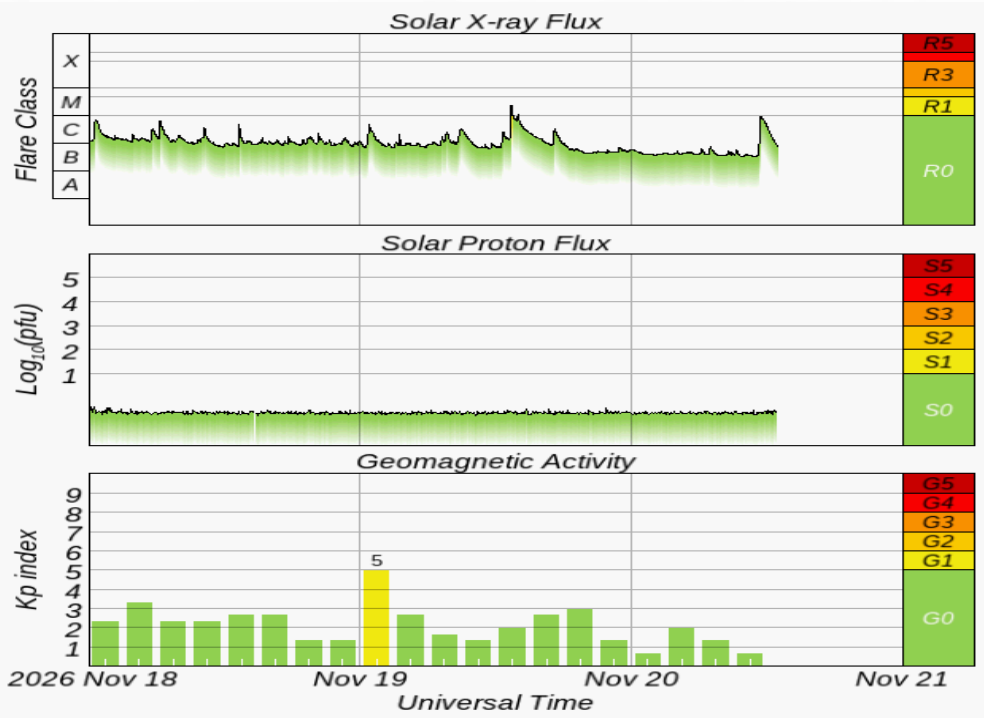


Space Weather



Current Sunspots





Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 15%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	M2 Solar Flare
X-class: 5%	Radiation Storm: None	None

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast

11/20	11/21
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 expected to be low with a chance for M-class flares (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) over 20-22 Nov. Background conditions are likely over 20-22 Nov, with slight enhancements during the period. Primarily quiet to unsettled conditions are expected through 21 Nov with a chance for isolated active periods due to coronal hole influences. The overall space weather threat to Florida is very low.

SWO Communications Systems & Contact Information

Equipment	Contact	Status	Comments
Phone:	850-815-4001; 800-320-0519; 850-591-0071	Operational	
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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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