



# HERNANDO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ALERT



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| <b>EVENT</b>                   | <b>Severe Weather Potential/Freeze Watch</b> |
| <b>DATE</b>                    | 11 March 2022                                |
| <b>TIME</b>                    | 3:00 PM                                      |
| <b>REPORT #</b>                | 1  |
| <b>EOC LEVEL OF ACTIVATION</b> | Level 3 – MONITORING                         |

## CURRENT SITUATION

Thunderstorms developing ahead of an approaching cold front will move southeast through the Florida Peninsula late tonight and Saturday, with strong/severe storms possible. While the greatest threat for severe weather will be from around Interstate 4 north through the Nature Coast, isolated severe storms will still be possible farther south on Saturday.

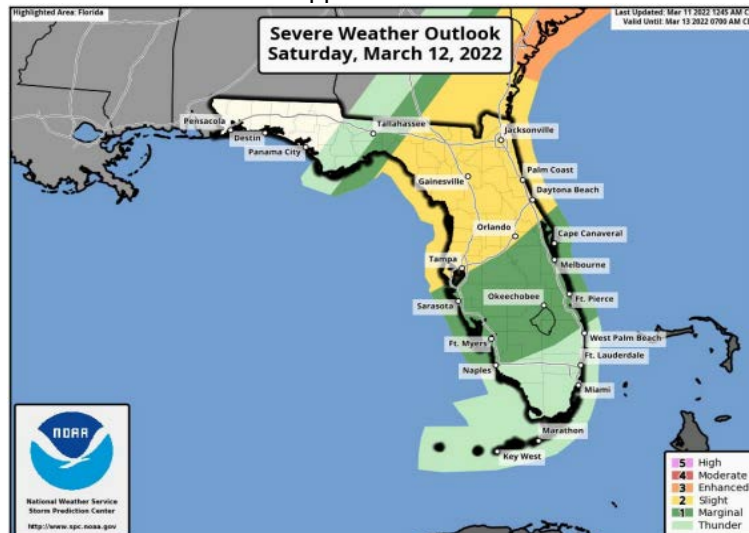
Breezy northwest winds in the wake of the front will briefly bring in much colder and drier air Saturday night, with freezing temperatures possible over the Nature Coast by early Sunday morning. The gusty winds will also create low wind chills area-wide along with dangerous marine conditions with high surf and a high risk of rip currents developing along area beaches during the weekend.

## WATCHES, WARNINGS, ADVISORIES

- Gale Warning in effect for the near and offshore Gulf waters from 7 AM EST Saturday through 8 AM EDT Sunday.
- Freeze Watch in effect for Levy, Citrus, Sumter, and Hernando counties from 1 AM EST until 9AM EDT Sunday morning.

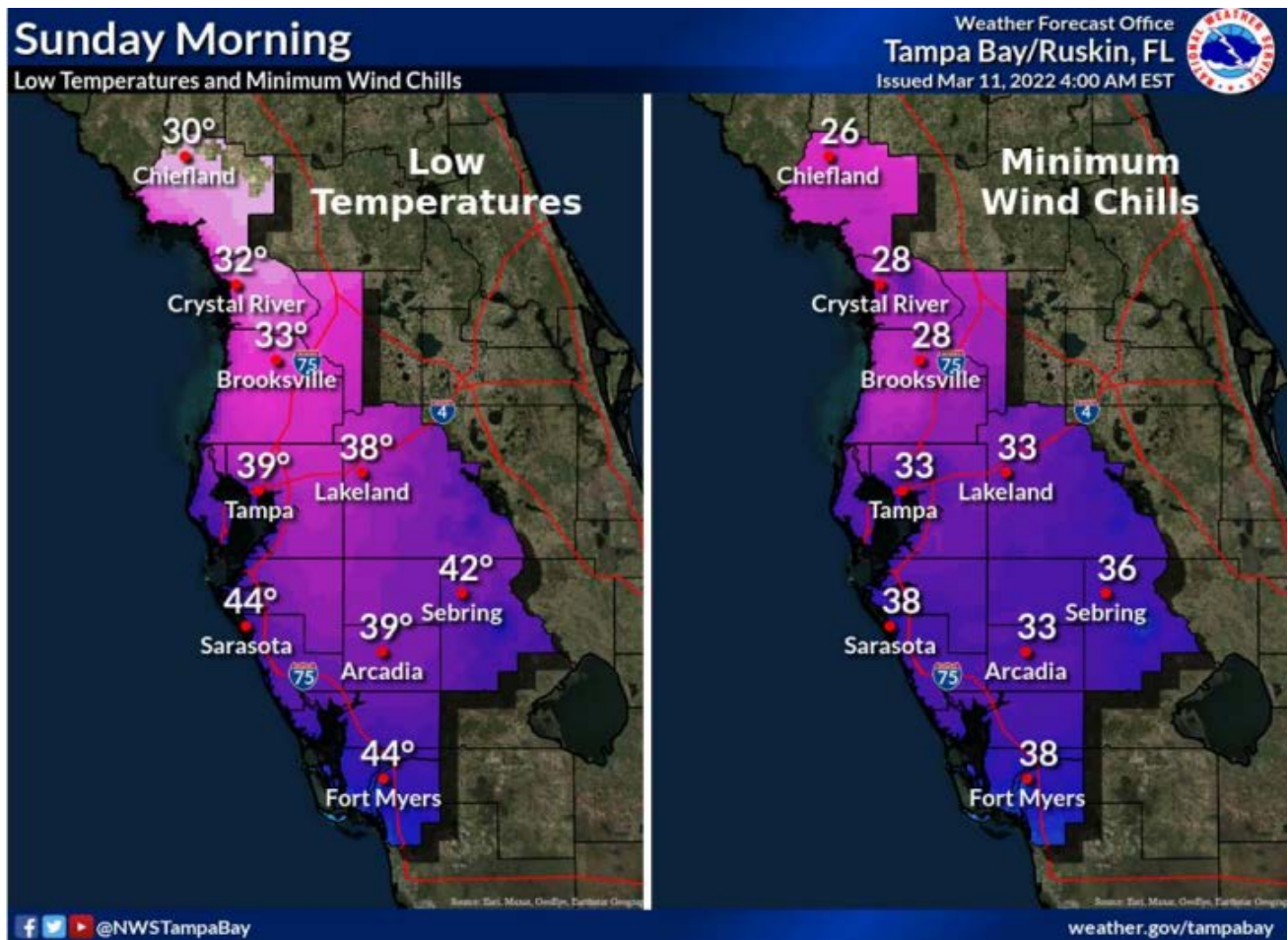
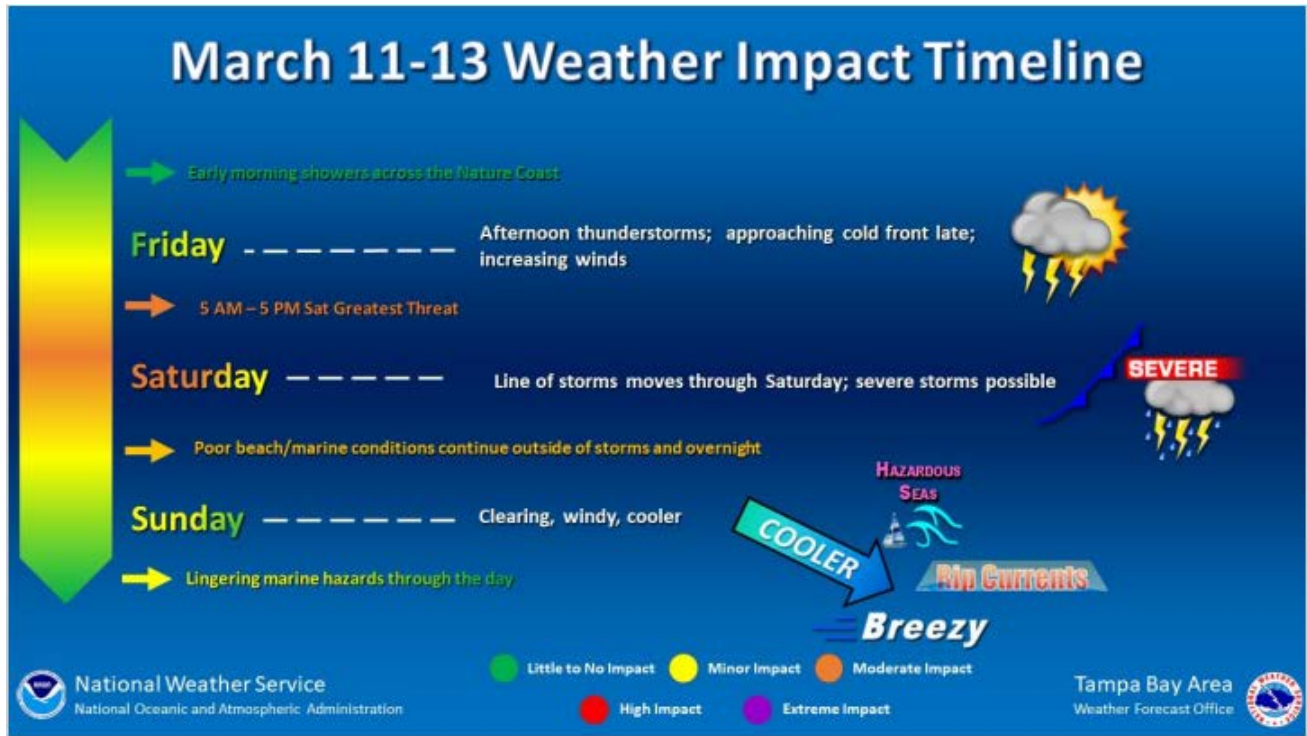
## IMPACTS

- Strong to severe thunderstorms (5AM – 5 PM Saturday greatest threat)
  - Damaging wind gusts
  - Isolated tornadoes/waterspouts are possible
  - Small hail
  - Frequent lightning
  - Heavy rain that may cause minor street flooding
- Deteriorating Marine/Beach Conditions
  - Elevated winds (25+knots, NNW), seas (5-10 ft)
  - High risk of rip currents
  - Possible high surf
- Colder Air Saturday Night/Sunday Morning
  - Freezing temperatures expected over the Nature Coast
  - Wind chills in the mid to upper 20s over the Nature Coast





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## COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Individuals that need to seek shelter from the cold may contact Jericho Road Ministries for assistance. Social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment will be implemented in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

### Men's Shelter

1090 Mondon Hill Road  
Brooksville, FL 34605  
Phone: (352) 799-2912 ext.103

### Women's Shelter 'Mary's House'

1163 Howell Avenue  
Brooksville, FL 34601  
Phone: (352) 799-2912 ext.109

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER

- Consider the needs of pets during this time. **Do not leave pets outside in the cold weather.**
- Cover or move plants that are sensitive to the cold temperatures.
- Consider running pool pumps overnight during freezing temperatures to prevent damage.

Residents are encouraged to monitor local media outlets or the National Weather Service at <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tbw/> for current weather information. The EOC is not activated at this time.

## RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Take this opportunity to refresh your emergency supply kit. For more information, visit <http://www.HernandoCounty.us/EM>
- Register for automated severe weather notifications at <http://www.AlertHernando.org>

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER: (352) 754-4083 or (352) 754-4111 (Recorded)