

Launch Mission Execution Forecast

Mission: Falcon 9 NASA Crew-6

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Forecast Discussion: A low pressure system is moving through the Great Plains as high pressure builds back into Florida and the ascent corridor. Through the day Wednesday, this low pressure area will move into the Ohio Valley and strengthen as the high pressure ridge slides east of the ascent corridor. By launch time early Thursday morning, the ridge will extend from South Florida to Bermuda, creating moderate winds in the staging area due to the pressure gradient between the ridge and a low-pressure area. Launch weather remains favorable with only a very slight chance of a shower developing over the pad at launch time.

Through the day Thursday and Friday, a stronger low pressure area will develop in Texas and move steadily across the U.S., progressively enhancing the winds and cloud cover from Florida through the Mid-Atlantic States. The primary weather concerns for both the 24 and 48 hour delay attempts will be continuously increasing winds in the staging area and to a lesser degree the spaceport.

		Probability of Violating Weather Constraints ¹								
Day	5%	Primary Concerns: Flight Through Precipitation								
	Weather Conditions						Additional Risk Criteria ²			
Launch	Weather:		None	Туре	Cloud: Coverage	S Base (ft)	Tops (ft)	Upper-Level Wind Shear:	Low-Mod	
	Visibility:		7 miles	Cumulus	Few	3,000	8,000	Ascent Corridor Recovery:	Moderate	
	Temp/Humid	ity:	72°F / 82%					Booster Recovery Weather:	Low-Mod	
	Liftoff Winds (200'): 200° 8 - 13 mph		200° 8 - 13 mph				Solar Activity:	Low		
	Probability of Violating Weather Constraints									
Delay	30% Primary Concerns: Liftoff Winds, Flight Through Precipitation									
	Weather Conditions							Additional Risk Criteria		
24-Hour	Weather:		None	Туре	Cloud: Coverage	S Base (ft)	Tops (ft)	Upper-Level Wind Shear:	Low	
	Visibility:		7 miles	Cumulus	Few	3,000	10,000	Ascent Corridor Recovery:	Mod-High	
	Temp/Humid	ity:	74°F / 77%	Cirrostratus	Scattered	28,000	30,000	Booster Recovery Weather:	Moderate	
	Liftoff Winds	(200') :	190° 20 - 25 mph					Solar Activity:	Low	
1	Probability of Violating Weather Constraints									
Delay	40%	40% Primary Concerns: Liftoff Winds, Flight Through Precipitation								
	Weather Conditions							Additional Risk Criteria		
48-Hour	Weather:		Isolated Showers	Туре	Cloud: Coverage	S Base (ft)	Tops (ft)	Upper-Level Wind Shear:	Low	
Ŧ	Visibility:		7 miles	Cumulus	Scattered	3,000	12,000	Ascent Corridor Recovery:	High	
48	Temp/Humid	ity:	75°F / 75%	Cirrostratus	Broken	28,000	30,000	Booster Recovery Weather:	High	
	Liftoff Winds	(200') :	240° 20 - 25 mph					Solar Activity:	Low	
Notes	 The Probability of Violation (PoV) is the chance of a local safety or customer constraint violation occurring any random time during the launch window Additional Risk Criteria, which are not included in the PoV, are mission-specific constraints that may not include all phenomena within each risk factor See https://www.patrick.spaceforce.mil/Portals/14/Weather/LaunchFAQ.pdf for more information 									
Next Forecast Will Be Issued As Required										