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Weekly Weather Update 02/21/2012

- High pressure will stay in control of our weather through the early part of this week. We will have calm and pleasant conditions in the forecast statewide on Tuesday. By Wednesday and through Thursday, a disturbance will pass through the Southeastern U.S. and this will bring a slight increase in rain chances to North Florida. By Friday, the next cold front will sweep through the state and this will bring a chance for showers and storms statewide for the last day of our work week and drier and cooler conditions for the upcoming weekend.
- Tuesday will be a pleasant day with plenty of sunshine in the forecast. However, by Wednesday, North Florida will see a slight increase in rain chances. A few showers and storms will continue to pass through North Florida on Thursday ahead of the approaching cold front and as the front makes its way through the state on Friday, we will continue to see a few isolated showers develop ahead of it. Clearing conditions will build in behind the front and we should have some pleasant weather in store for the weekend.
- High temperatures this week will stay rather seasonal and comfortable each day. Our lows will quickly warm up and will feel somewhat muggy by Wednesday and Thursday night, especially over North Florida where lows will be above normal for this time of year. After the front passes through on Friday, cooler air will arrive and our temperatures will fall back into the 40s in North Florida.
- One concern we will face this week will be areas of heavy fog. This will likely occur over North Florida Tuesday night and statewide by Wednesday and Thursday nights. We encourage everyone to drive cautiously when fog is in the forecast.

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•Another concern will be for beachgoers this week. Increasing winds over the Gulf waters later this week will bring an elevated rip current risk to the Panhandle beaches on Thursday and to the entire Gulf Coast by Friday. The strong winds may also bring rough surf to these beaches so we encourage everyone who plans to enter the chilly surf to swim within sight of a lifeguard whenever possible.

•For more information on rip current for fog safety, you can always come back here to www.FloridaDisaster.org and click on our Division's homepage.

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