Florida’s Beach Warning Flag Program

In 2005, Florida enacted a beach flag warning system to provide daily information about the presence of rip currents at public beaches. It is important to monitor the beach flag system when you head to the beach to swim! Rip currents may be present in the water, but you may not be able to tell just by looking at the water.

Stay Safe, Know The Flags

Yellow Flags: Be Aware and Cautious
Yellow flags mean some rip current activity is expected. You should be cautious if entering the water, don’t swim alone, and know what to do if caught in a rip current.

Red Flags: Strong and Frequent Rips
Red flags mean dangerous rip current activity is expected. The rip currents would be likely to be stronger and more frequent. It’s recommended to stay out of the water.

Double Red Flags: Water Closed
You could be arrested or fined for entering the water.

More Information
- ripcurrents.noaa.gov
- www.usla.org/ripcurrents

Obey The Flags!
They are there so you can enjoy a safe time at the beach.