

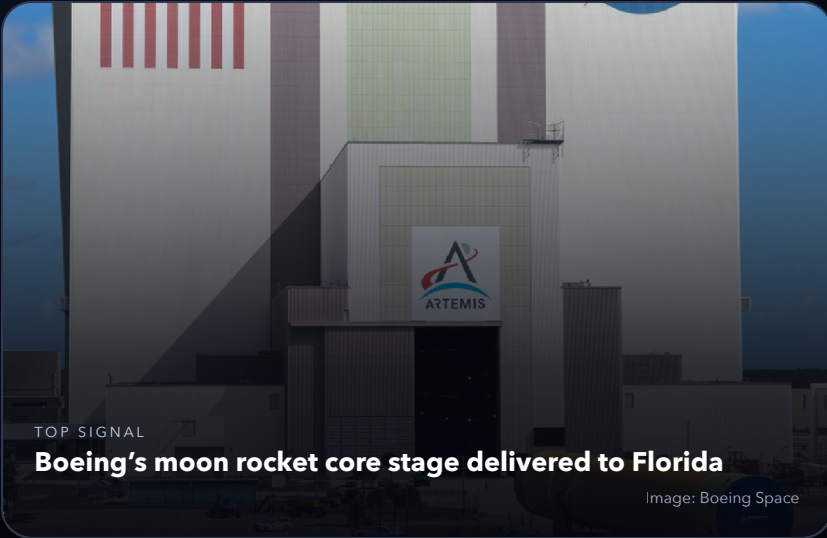
Daily Space Snapshot

April 29, 2026 • Fresh stories, source-linked

TOPLINE

Launch cadence + lunar surface ops are leading today's signal mix.

After a 900-mile (1,448-kilometer) barge trip from NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, the top four-fifths (TFF) of Core Stage 3 (CS3) arrived at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



TOP SIGNAL
Boeing's moon rocket core stage delivered to Florida

Image: Boeing Space



MARKET MOVE
NASA's Artemis III Moon Rocket Hardware Arrives, Artemis II Capsule Returns to Kennedy

Image: NASA Artemis Blog



POLICY
Look back at Leo Atlas 6 (LA-06). Atlas V will be back on the pad on May 22 for Leo Atlas 7 (LA-07), but first up, another launch this week:

Image: X · Amazon Leo



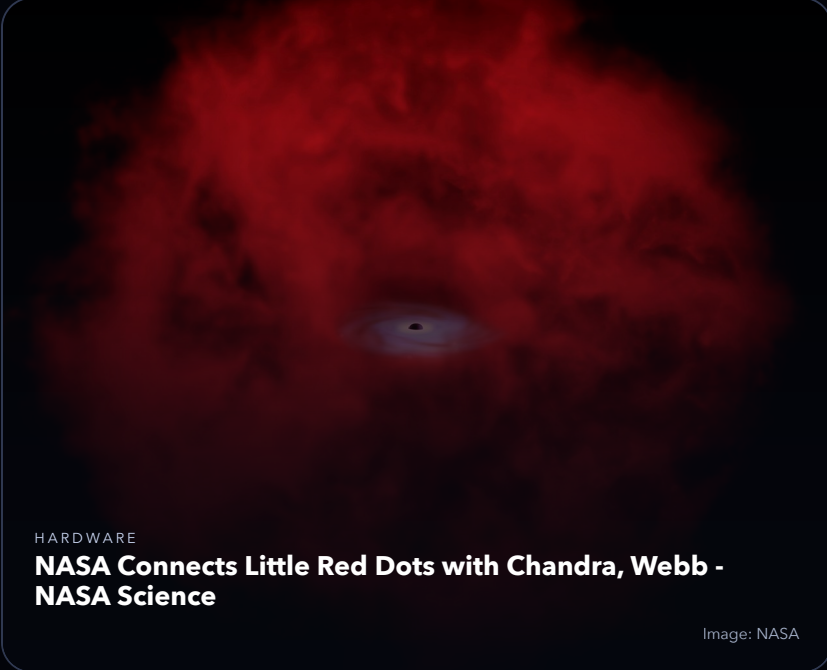
LAUNCH OPS
NASA chief Jared Isaacman says he's fighting for Pluto: 'I am very much in the camp of 'make Pluto a planet again'

Image: Space.com



PROGRAM WATCH
Space Foundation Premieres National Space Day Video May 1

Image: SpaceNews



HARDWARE
NASA Connects Little Red Dots with Chandra, Webb - NASA Science

Image: NASA



SCIENCE / PUBLIC
NASA Fires Up Powerful Lithium-Fed Thruster for Trips to Mars

Image: JPL

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LAUNCH WINDOW

Upcoming Launches

- Apr 29, 2026 • Kennedy Space Center, Florida, USA**
ViaSat-3 F3
- Apr 29, 2026 • Baikonur Cosmodrome, Kazakhstan**
Demo Flight
- Apr 30, 2026 • Vandenberg Space Force Base, California, U...**
Starlink Group 17-36
- Apr 30, 2026 • Guiana Space Centre, French Guiana, France**
Amazon Leo (LE-02)
- May 1, 2026 • Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida,...**
Starlink Group 10-38

NARRATIVE BALANCE

Signal Split

Momentum Signal	64%
Caution Signal	36%

64% momentum vs 36% caution across 13 stories from the last 24 hours (6 momentum-leaning, 7 caution-leaning). Momentum leads, with caution concentrated around execution and launch risk.