News Outlets Share Coverage Plans for Historic Artemis II Launch



After more than 50 years, the United States is heading back to the moon.

On Wednesday afternoon, NASA is set to launch the four-person Artemis II mission on a 10-day trip that will orbit the moon and return. The mission will see the astronauts, Commander **Reid Wiseman**, pilot **Victor Glover**, astronaut **Christina Koch**, and Canadian astronaut **Jeremy Hansen**, on a test mission aboard NASA's SLS rocket and Orion spacecraft as they confirm the spacecraft's systems operate as designed in the deep space environment.

Should the test mission be successful, it would boost NASA's chances of sending a crew to the moon as early as 2028. With an 80% weather favorability for the Wednesday, April 1, launch, which takes place from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida at approximately 6:24 p.m. ET, the various news outlets are providing special coverage of this historic liftoff.

ABC News

- In addition to the broadcast network, ABC News, in partnership with its affiliate WFTV Orlando, will simulcast its live launch coverage across Disney's various platforms, including ABC News Live, Disney+, Hulu, and National Geographic.
- ABC News will also partner with its Houston affiliate, KTRK, in providing continuous updates from the Mission Control Center at NASA's Johnson Space Center.
- The network's coverage will feature commentary from former astronaut **Susan Kilrain** and other voices on space exploration.

Bloomberg

- **Ed Ludlow** will report live from the Kennedy Space Center, delivering coverage throughout the launch sequence and immediate aftermath.

CNN

- Anchor **Boris Sanchez** will lead CNN's live coverage from the Kennedy Space Center beginning at 5 p.m. He will be joined on location by **Pete Muntean** and **Randi Kaye**.
- CNN's **David Culver** will be with the crowds gathered in Titusville, Florida. **Ed Lavandera** will report from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, and **Tom Foreman** will provide the latest from DC.
- CNN Space and Science writers **Jackie Wattles** and **Ashley Strickland** will provide in-depth coverage of Artemis II's travel to deep space.

Fox News/Fox Weather

- Fox News will have senior correspondent **Jonathan Serrie** on site at the Kennedy Space Center during the 6 p.m. hour for its launch coverage.
- Fox Weather meteorologists **Ian Oliver** and **Steve Bender**

will anchor live coverage beginning at 5 p.m. until launch.
- Fox Weather correspondent **Brandy Campbell** will be covering the launch on site at the Kennedy Space Center.

NBC News

- **Tom Llamas** will anchor NBC Nightly News from the Kennedy Space Center. He will begin coverage on the network, NBC News Now, and NBCNews.com at 6 p.m.
- Joining him from the Kennedy Space Center are **Tom Costello**, **Al Roker**, and **Aaron Gilchrist**. **Ryan Chandler** will be reporting from Cocoa Beach.
- Prior to that, **Hallie Jackson** will anchor rolling coverage on NBC News NOW beginning at 4 p.m.

NewsNation

- NewsNation will preempt regular programming to provide wall-to-wall coverage of the launch, anchored by **Blake Burman** starting at 6 p.m.

Scripps News

- Scripps News will simulcast coverage alongside WPTV, the Scripps News Group station in West Palm Beach.

Spectrum News/Spectrum Noticias

- Spectrum News 13 will air special live coverage across all Spectrum channels, beginning at 6 p.m. ET.
- Spectrum News 13 anchors **Tammie Fields** and **Curtis McCloud** will host the coverage, alongside space experts **Jerry Hume** and **Greg Pallone** from the Kennedy Space Center. Meteorologist **Zach Covey** will also provide weather updates on-site.
- Spectrum Noticias will air special live coverage beginning at 6 p.m., hosted by anchor **Philip Klint**, alongside meteorologist **Edgar Carrillo** and multimedia

journalist **Jorge Velez** from Cape Canaveral.

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