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You are looking live at a Falcon 9 rocket on the launch pad at the Cape Canaveral Air

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Force Station in Florida.

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AT 6:24 this evening, the aerospace company SpaceX will launch a Dragon cargo spacecraft

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on a NASA mission to resupply the International Space Station.

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Good evening and welcome everyone to NASA's Kennedy Space Center for our live coverage

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of the launch of the 18th resupply mission for SpaceX.

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I'm your host, Jennifer Wolfinger.

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We are about 23 minutes away from the planned liftoff of a Falcon 9 rocket from the coast

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of Florida.

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The mission?

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To fly much-needed astronaut supplies and research experiments up to the International

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Space Station.

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And we have a team of correspondents across the country helping us cover all the angles

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of this launch.

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We will head to the Mission Director's Center here on the Space Coast to get updates on

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the weather and the countdown, and we'll head west to SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne,

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California, and check in at Mission Control Houston at Johnson Space Center.

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We also have a correspondent standing by with some of the agency's top science experts.

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But first, here are some quick facts about today's launch.

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SpaceX transported the Falcon 9 rocket out to the launch pad and lifted it to vertical

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launch position for the 18th cargo resupply mission to the International Space Station.

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The plan is to keep the Dragon spacecraft docked to station for about four weeks before

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bringing it back to Earth.

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This is the third flight for this Dragon spacecraft and the second time this Falcon booster has

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been flown.

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Dragon will deliver more than 5,000 pounds of astronaut supplies and payloads for science

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research to the orbiting laboratory.