



Flooding and Severe Weather Risks

July 8, 2026
5:00 PM EDT

Flood Watch in Effect Through Saturday Evening

Summary:

- ◆ Multiple waves of thunderstorms will pose a risk for flash flooding beginning Thursday night.
- ◆ In addition, a couple storms could become severe with damaging winds the main risk.

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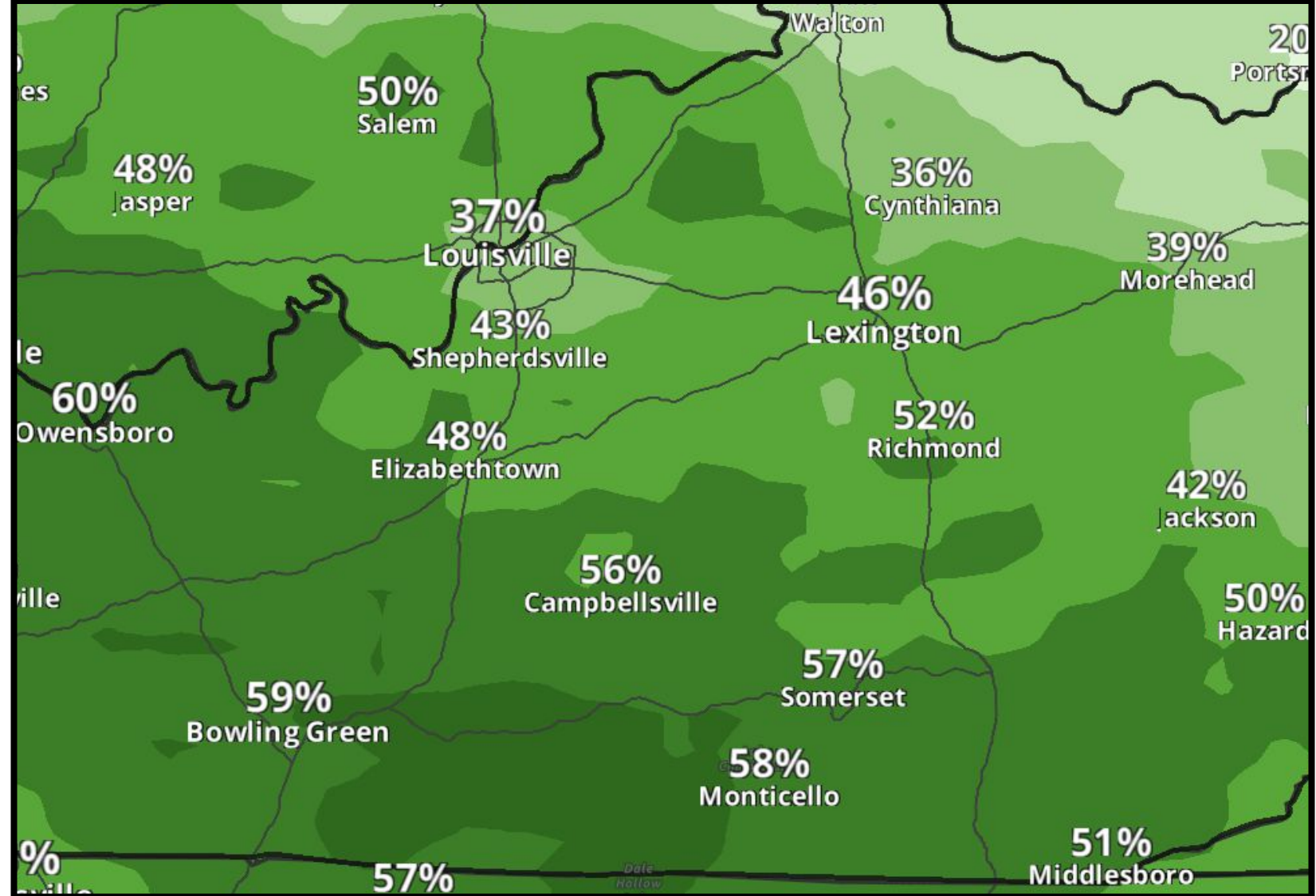
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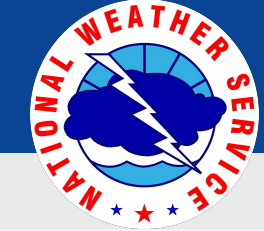
- ◆ Flood Watch in Effect Thursday Afternoon – Saturday Evening

Next Scheduled Update

- ◆ By 6 AM Thursday

Chance of More Than 2 Inches of Rainfall





Thursday Night Severe Risk

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Storms Weaken as They Move East

Key Messages

- ◆ Best chance (level 2 of 5) for severe thunderstorms is west of Interstate 65
- ◆ Storms will move into the area from the west, weaken as they move east

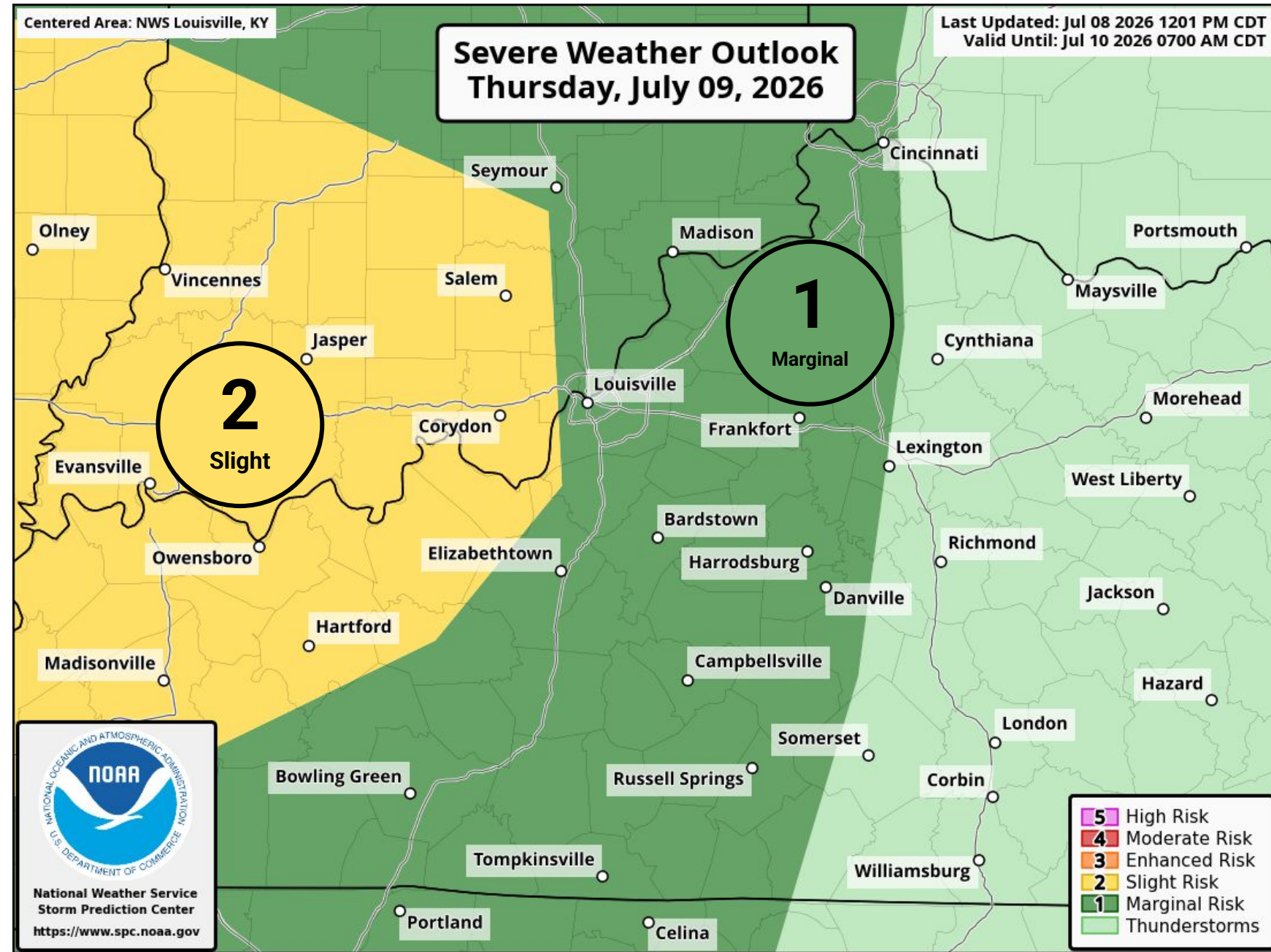
→ Hazards

- ◆ Gusty to locally damaging winds
- ◆ Frequent lightning

→ Timing

- ◆ 8 – 11 PM in Level 2 of 5 risk
- ◆ 11 PM – 6 AM in Level 1 of 5 risk

Confidence in Severe Weather



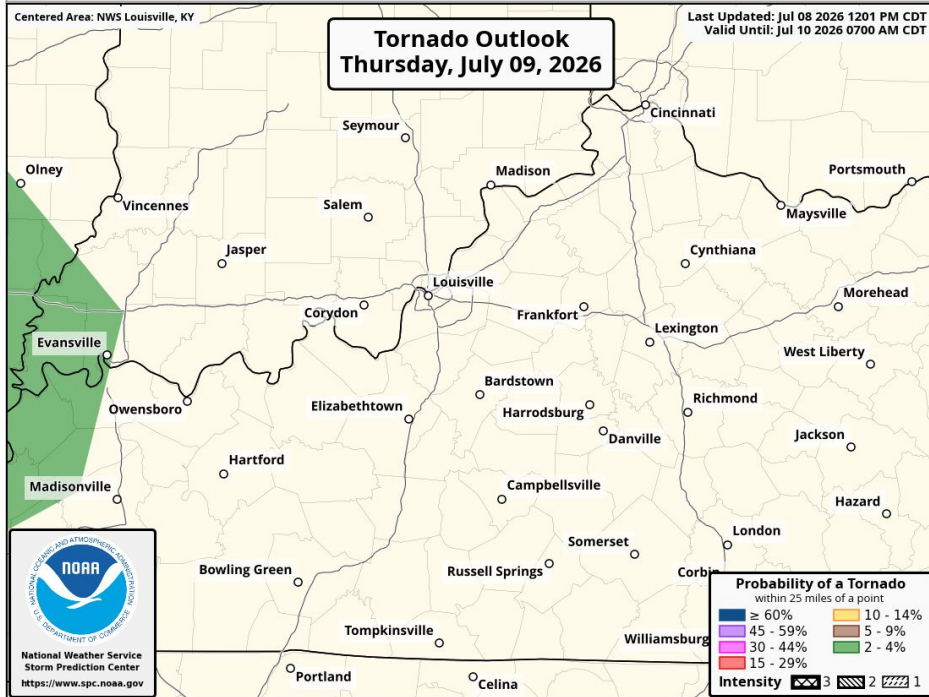


Day 2 Severe Hazards

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Gusty Winds the Primary Severe Weather Threat

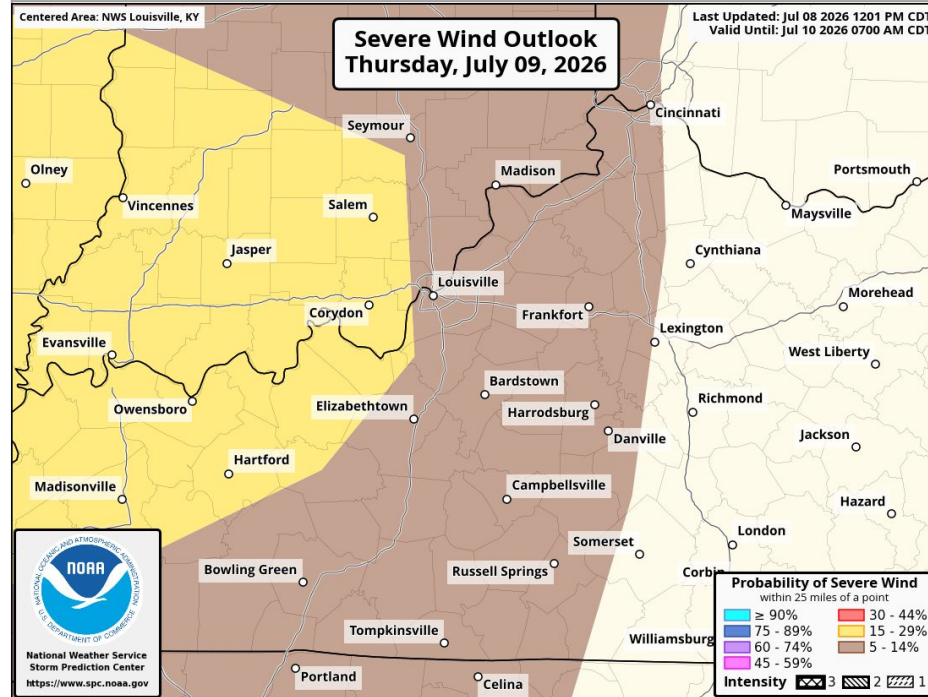
Tornado Probability



Hazard: Low Tornado Risk

Potential Impacts: Property damage or destruction.

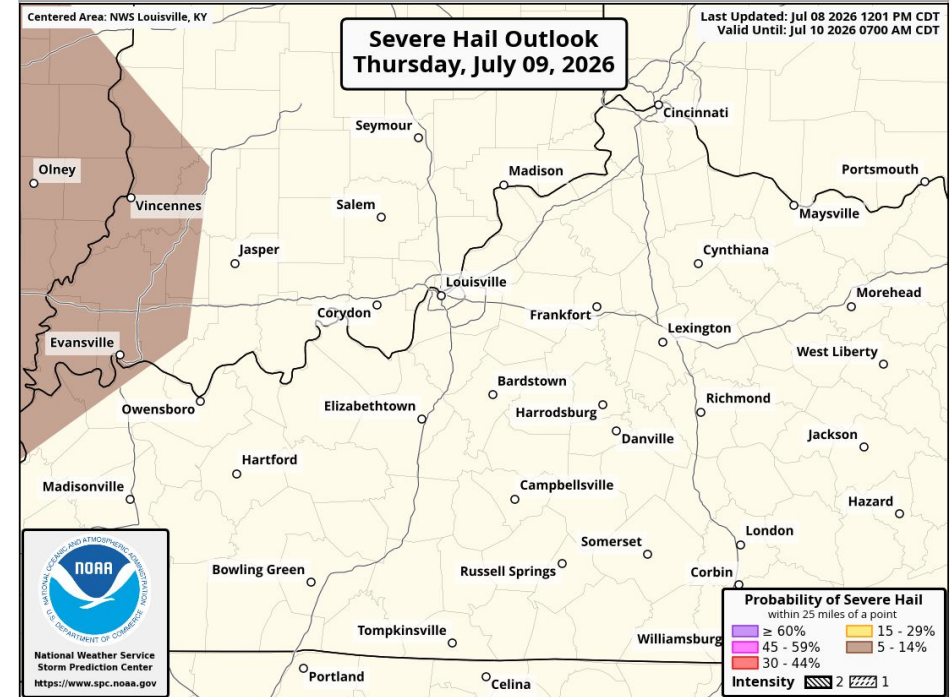
Wind Probability



Hazard: Up to 60 MPH Winds

Potential Impacts: Tree damage, power line damage, minor shingle damage, outdoor furniture and loose objects blown around, crop damage.

Hail Probability



Hazard: Low Hail Risk

Potential Impacts: Damage to vehicles, homes, property, agricultural damage, injury to those caught outside.





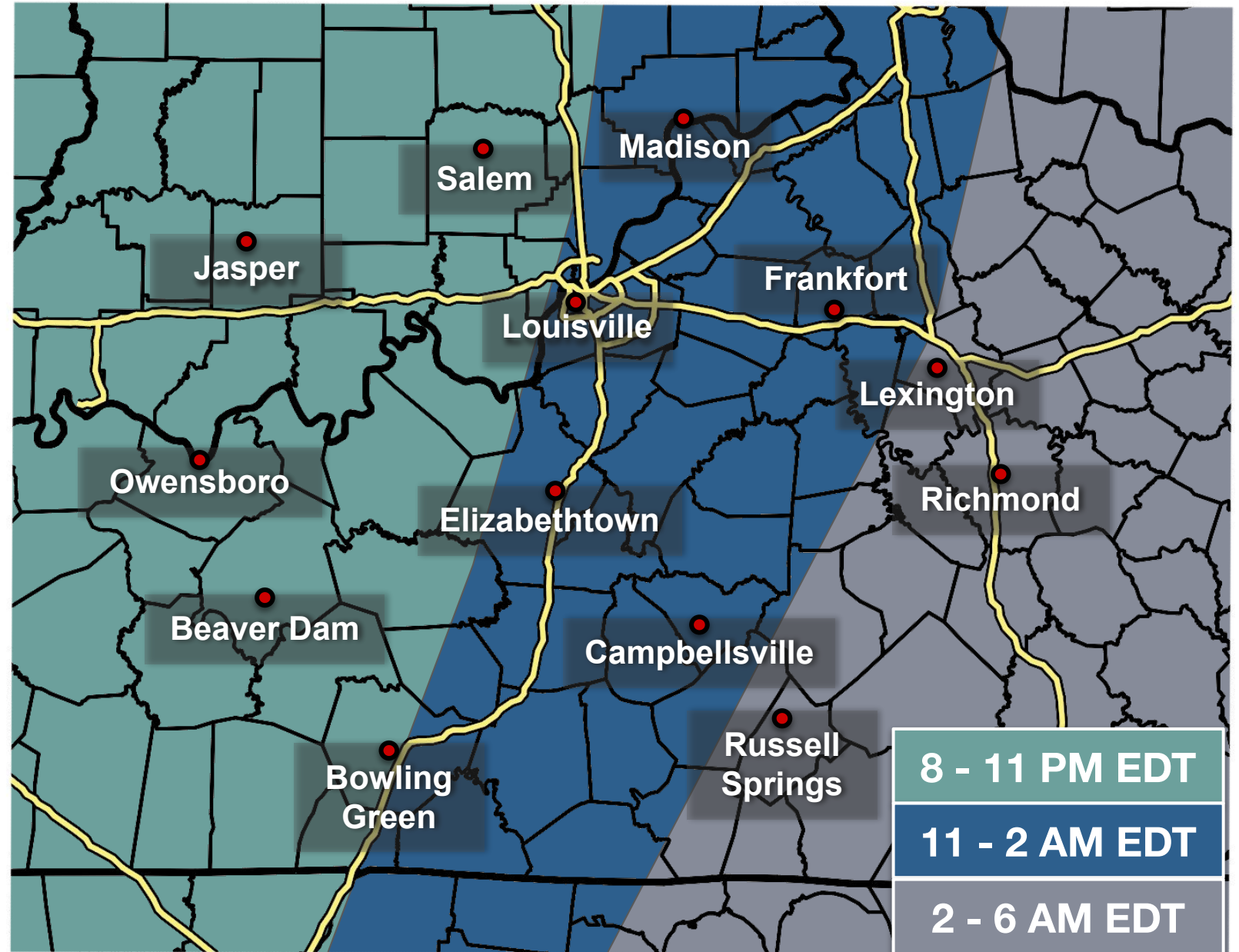
Timing of Highest Severe Threat Friday

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Thursday Evening through Friday Morning

- A line of storms will approach from the west slowly moving east
 - ◆ Line of storms breaks apart and slows down as it approaches the Bluegrass region
- Greatest severe risk over southwest IN/KY west of I-65
 - ◆ Winds up to 60 MPH
 - ◆ Very low hail and tornado risk
- There is a flash flooding potential with this line that will continue into Friday evening as more waves of storms return

Confidence in Timing





Flash Flooding Risk Returns

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Waves of Heavy Rain Thursday PM - Friday AM & Friday PM

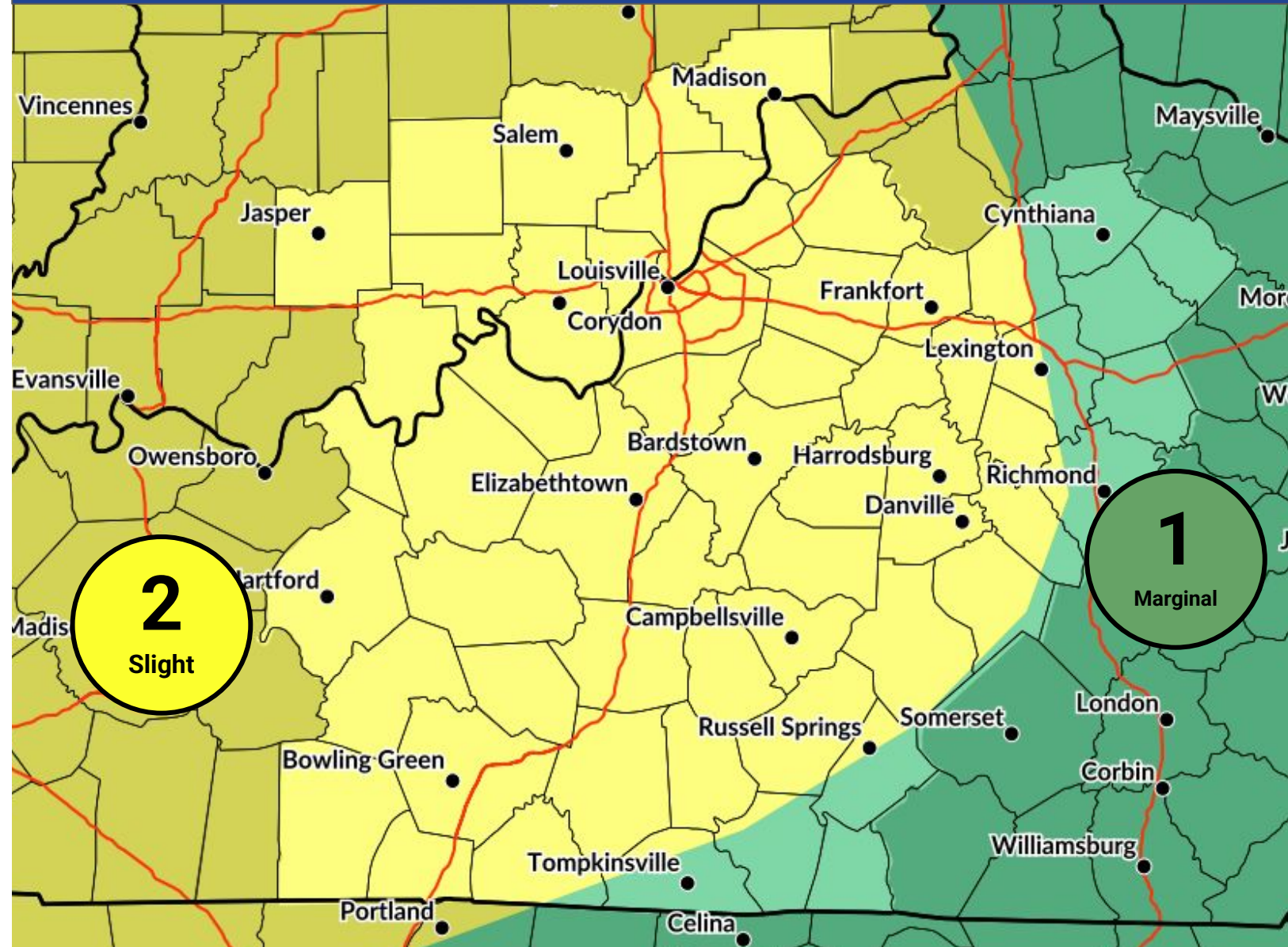
Key Messages

- First wave of several widespread heavy showers and storms starts late Thursday evening into Friday morning.
- Rainfall amounts:
 - ◆ Widespread 1" - 2"
 - ◆ Localized higher amounts
- **Significant** localized flooding is possible with slow moving storms.
- **Points of Uncertainty:**
 - ◆ Storms will bring lightning and gusty winds, though confidence is low
 - ◆ Unsure of strength and rainfall totals of each wave of storms later Friday

Confidence in Flash Flooding



Excessive Rainfall Outlook: Thu PM - Fri AM





Flash Flooding Risk Continues

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Multiple Rounds of Showers and Storms Saturday AM & Saturday PM-Sunday

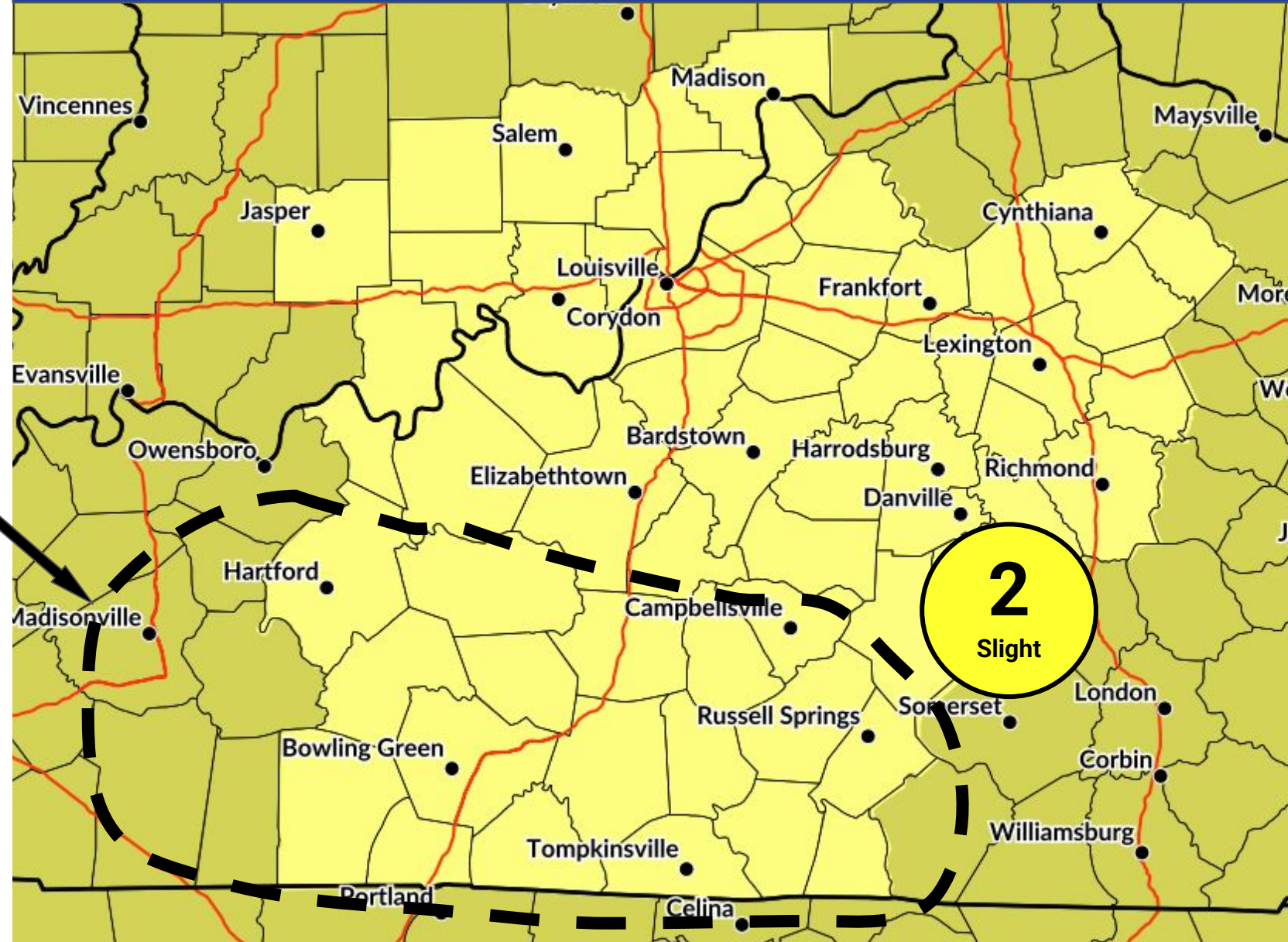
Key Messages

- Multiple rounds of additional showers and storms will likely (60-80%) move across the area on Saturday.
- **Significant** flash flooding is possible in repeated areas of storms through central Kentucky.
- The stronger storms may also bring lightning and gusty winds.
- **Points of Uncertainty:**
 - ◆ Precise location of heaviest rainfall totals
 - ◆ Strength of each passing wave and the amount of rain from each one

Confidence in Flash Flooding



Friday Excessive Rainfall Outlook



STAY OUT OF FLOODWATERS



Floodwaters hide dangers that can cause sickness, injury or even death.



Animals & insects



Dangerous chemicals



Live wires



Sewage



Harmful bacteria



Sharp objects & debris



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