

# Strong Spring Storm Today - Monday

March 15, 2026  
4:27 AM

## Key Messages:

- A strong spring storm system will move through the area today into Monday.
- Periods of strong to damaging winds, waves of showers and thunderstorms, and a period of wintry weather are expected with the storm.

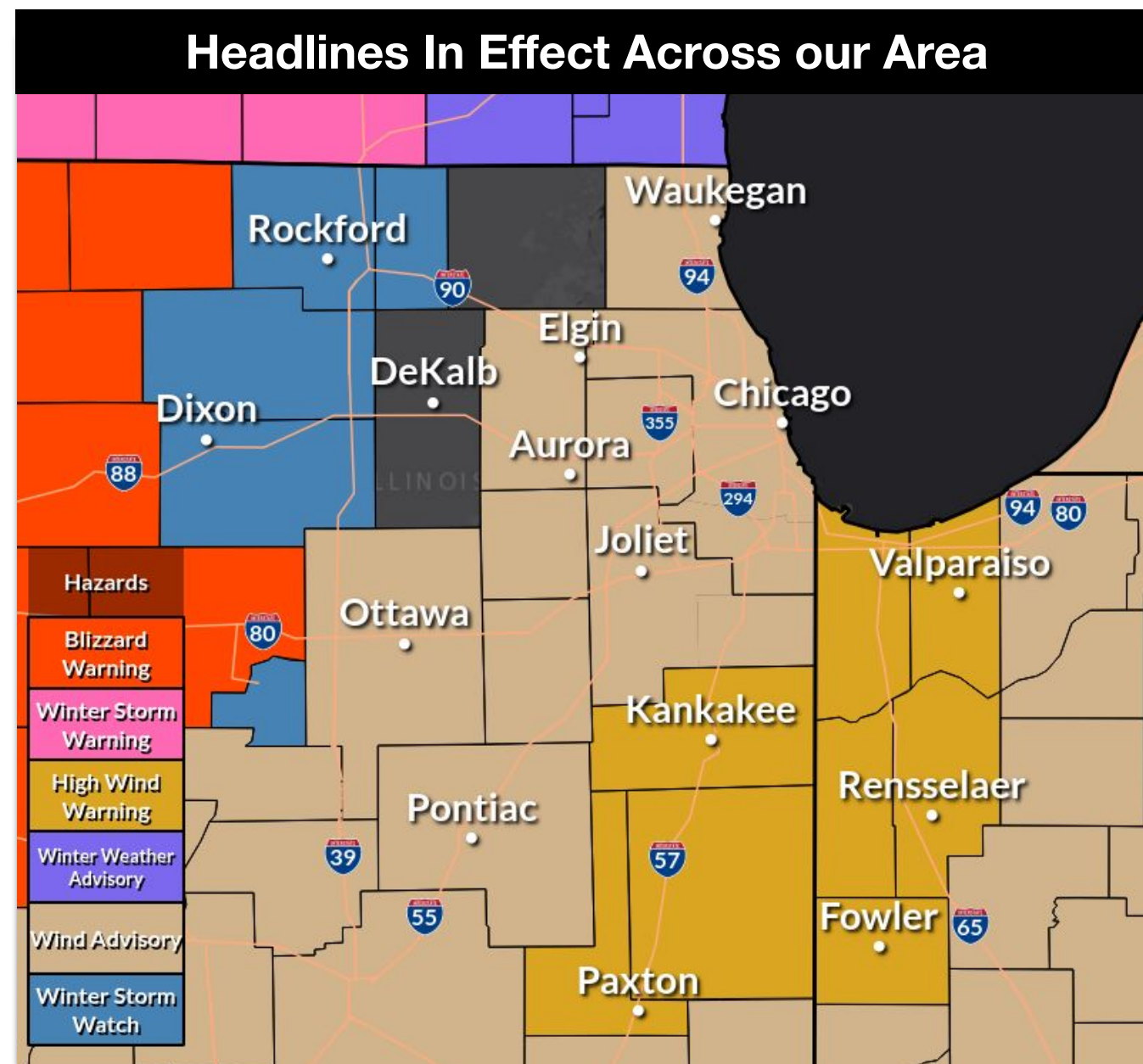


## What Has Changed:

- A **High Wind Warning** is now in effect in the **mustard yellow shaded area** from this morning through this evening.
- A **Wind Advisory** is now in effect across the **beige shaded area**. Start time: mid-morning along/south of I-80, early PM north of I-80; end time: this evening.

## Next Update:

- Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4 PM CDT.





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Strong to Damaging Southerly Wind Gusts Expected Today

## What To Expect



### Strong Southerly Winds

**Mustard Yellow Area:** Peak wind gusts  $\geq 60$  mph.

**Beige Area:** Peak wind gusts  $\geq 50$  mph.



### Mid-Morning through this Evening

Gusts may take longest to develop across the Chicago metropolitan area.



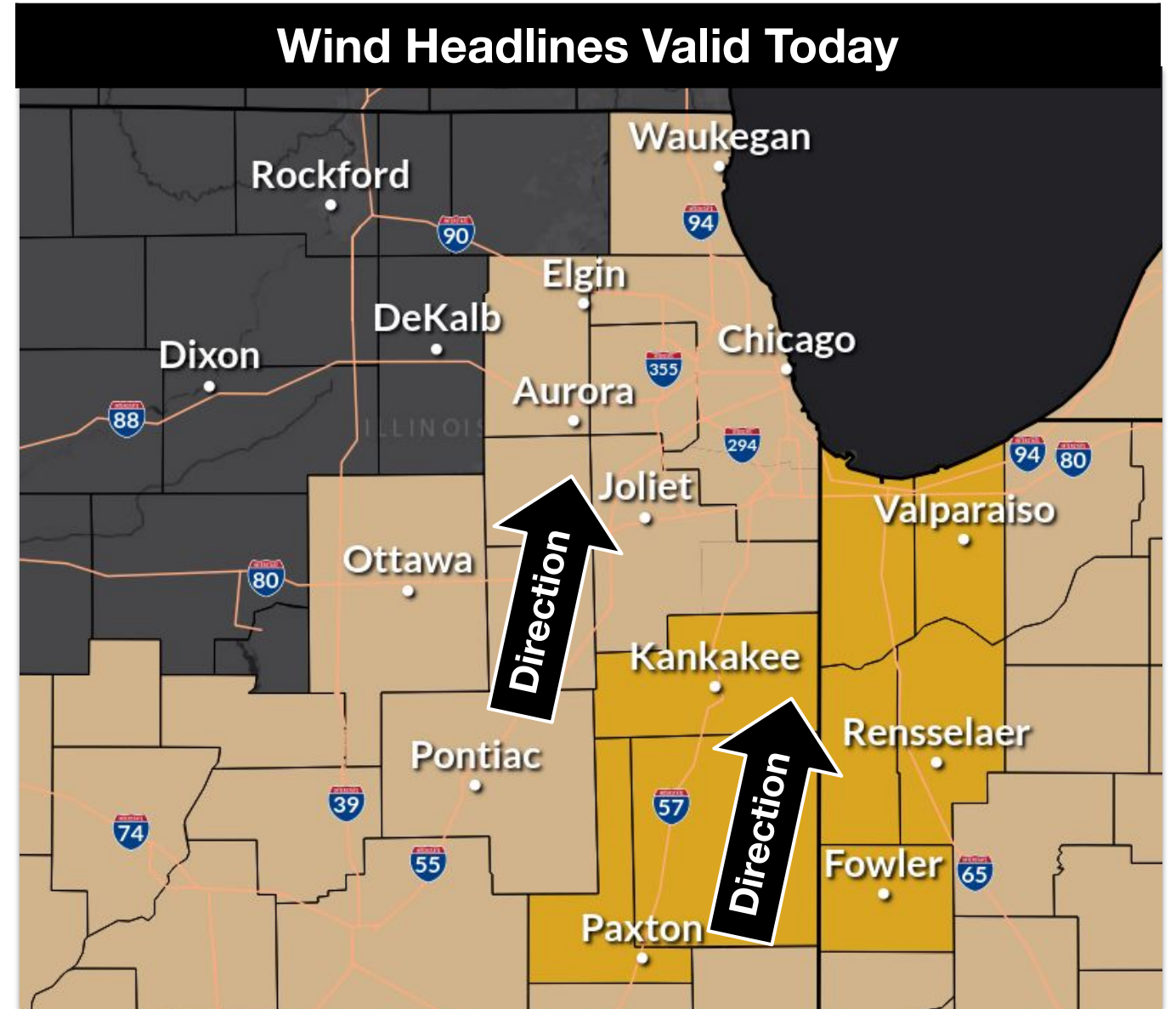
### Strong Winds Turn Northwesterly Tonight through Monday

New Wind Advisories may be needed in later forecast packages.

## What To Do

- ✓ Take care when driving in open & exposed areas, especially on west-to-east oriented roadways.
- ✓ Secure loose outdoor objects.

## Wind Headlines Valid Today



Wind Advisory

High Wind Warning

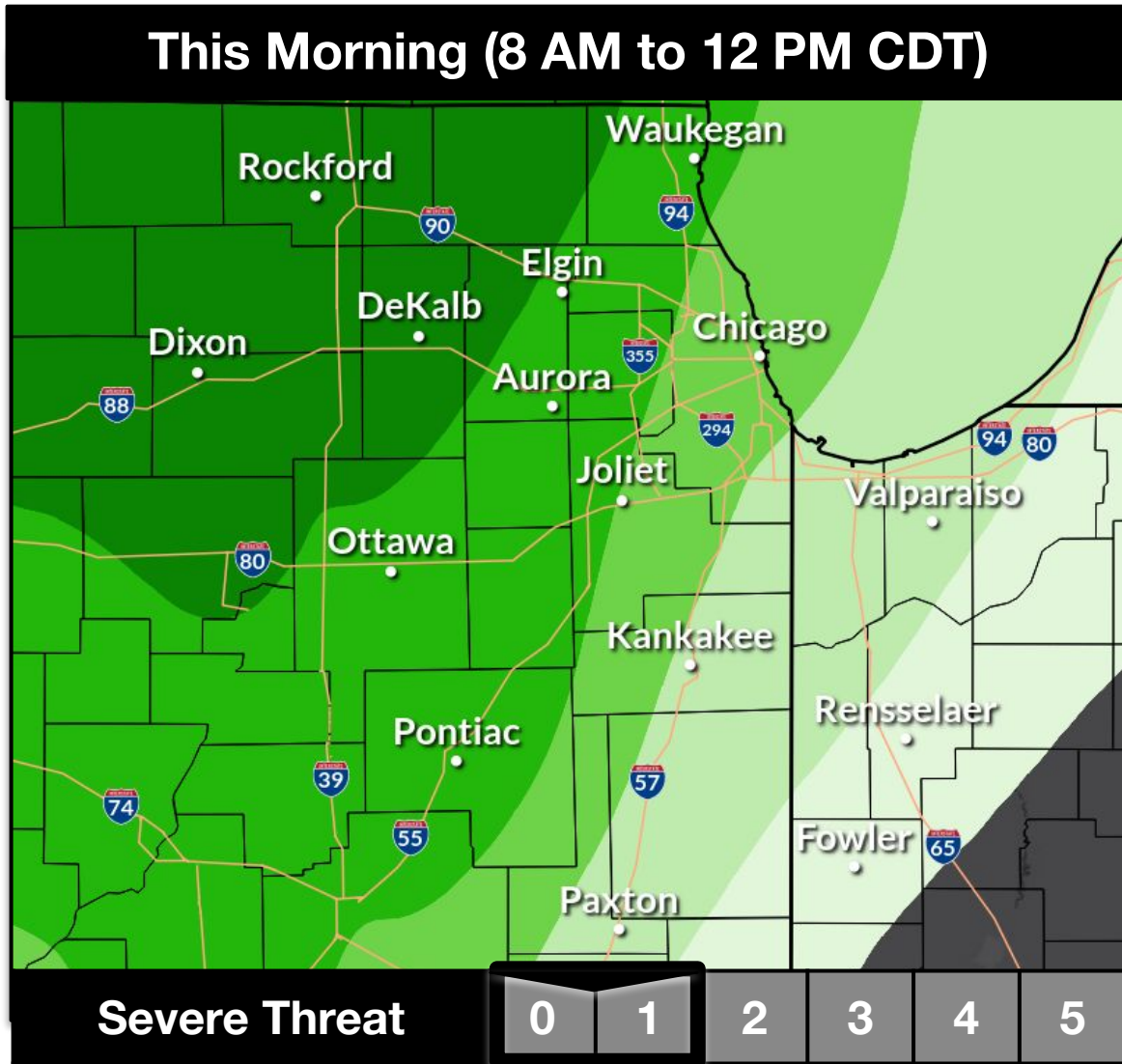




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## Timing Out Waves of Showers and Thunderstorms

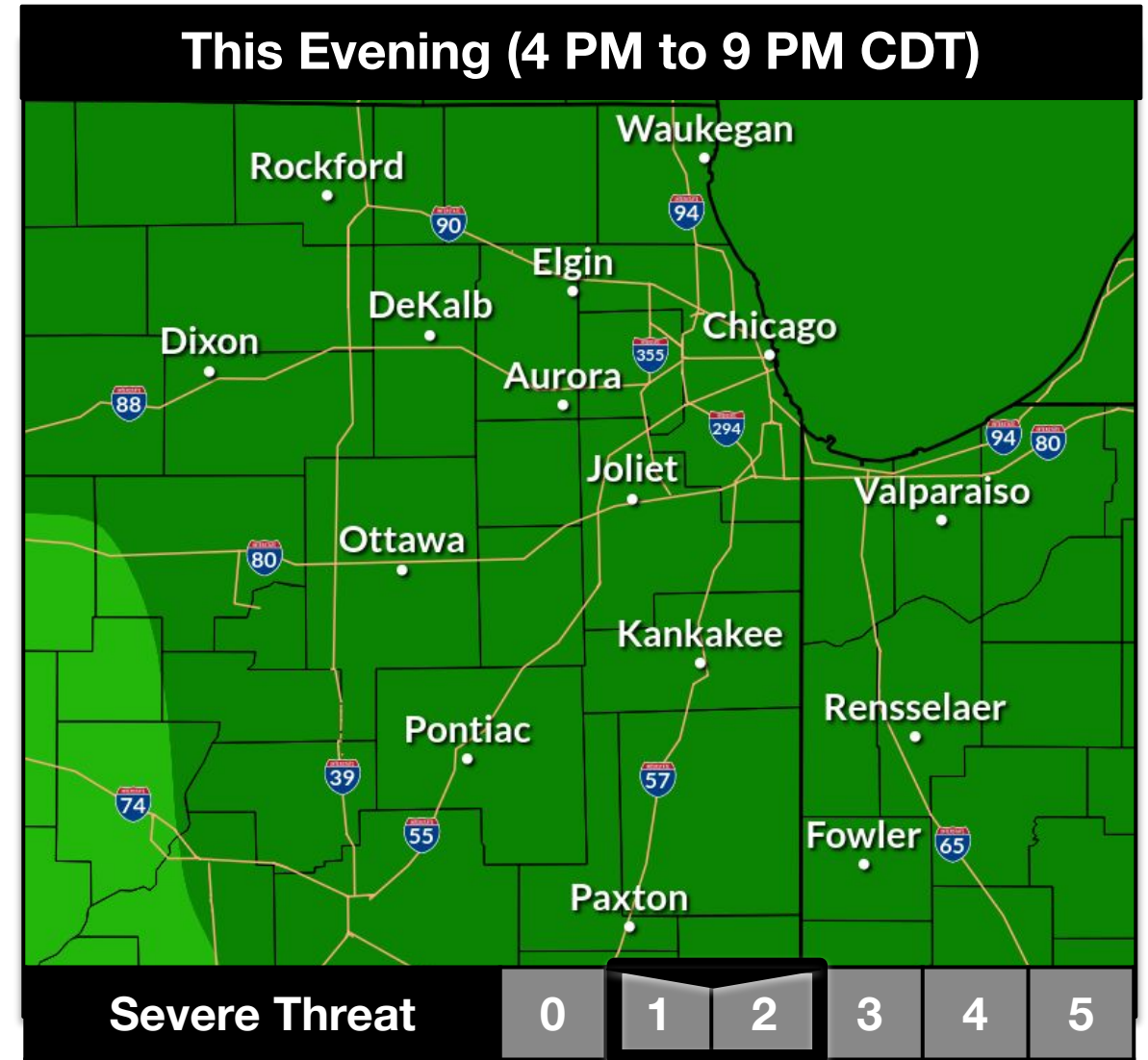


**Lightning Strikes**
**Small Hail**
**Downpours**

Lower Coverage

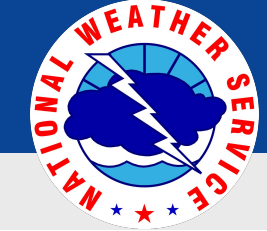


Higher Coverage



**Lightning Strikes**
**Damaging Winds**
**Downpours**





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The Degree of Blowing Snow Will Depend on How Much Snow Falls

## What To Expect



### Accumulating and Blowing Snow

Northwest wind gusts up to 45-50 mph



### From 9 PM through Monday Afternoon

Later snow start time for areas farther to the east  
Strongest winds expected Monday morning



### Highest Confidence in Travel Impacts in Dark Blue Shaded Area

Greatest blowing snow threat northwest of I-55



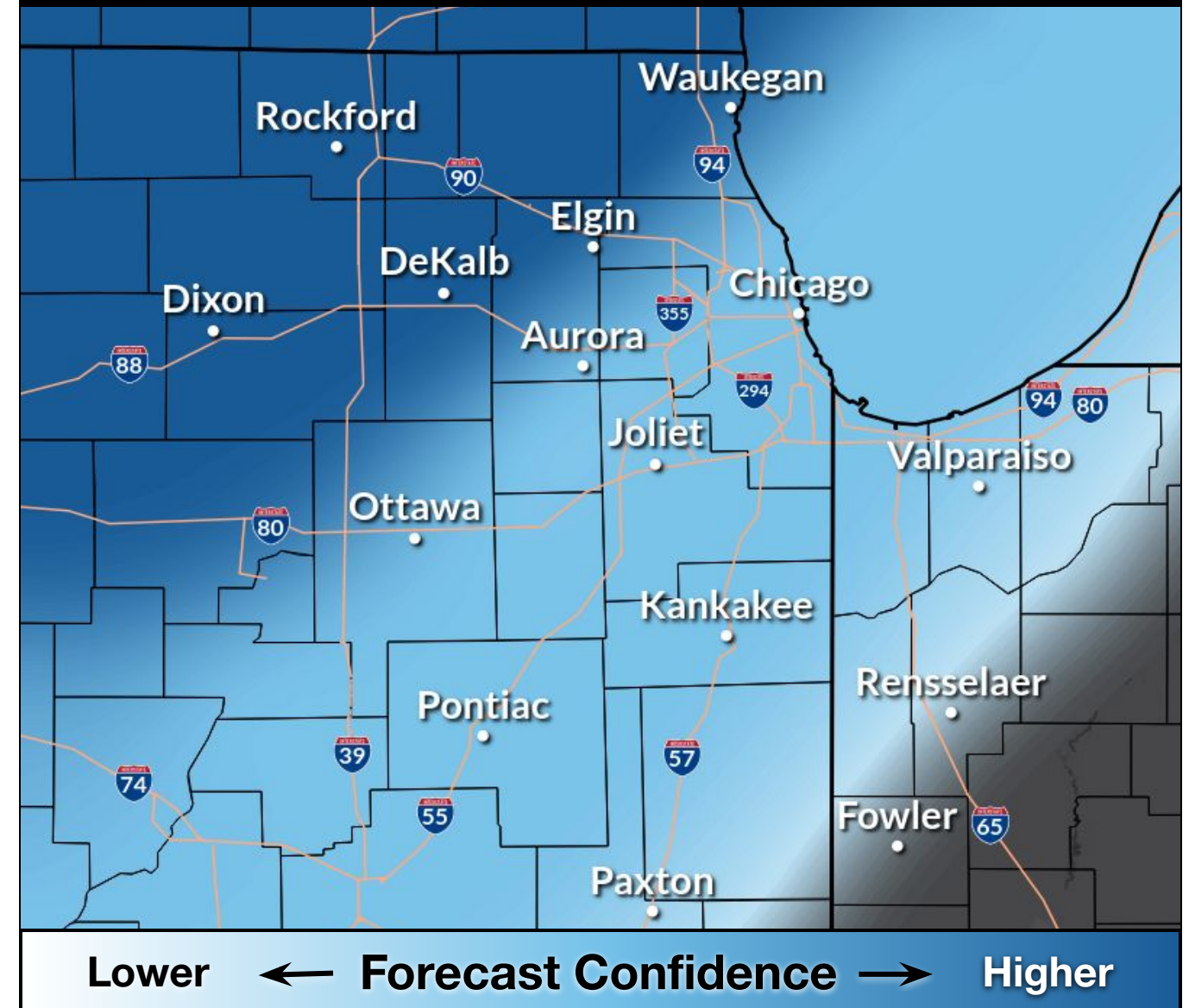
### We have low confidence in exact snowfall amounts

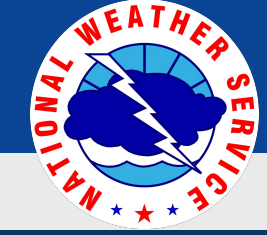
Locations in the dark blue shaded area may see >3" of snow accumulation, while other areas will see less.

## What To Do

✓ Stay tuned for forecast updates!

## Favored Areas for Hazardous Wintry Travel















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## Five Day Outlook

Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
 <p><b>Windy</b></p> <p>PM Severe Threat</p> <p>H: <b>55-66°</b></p>	 <p><b>Windy</b></p> <p>H: <b>20-26°</b></p>	 <p>H: <b>24-28°</b></p>	 <p><b>AM?</b></p> <p>H: <b>42-50°</b></p>	 <p>H: <b>50-61°</b></p>
 <p><b>Windy</b></p> <p>Rain Changing to Snow</p> <p>L: <b>18-26°</b></p>	 <p>Lake Effect NW IN</p> <p>Min. Wind Chills: -10 to -5°</p> <p>L: <b>5-15°</b></p>	 <p>50-70%</p> <p>L: <b>16-23°</b></p>	 <p>L: <b>32-36°</b></p>	 <p>L: <b>34-38°</b></p>





## Additional Resources

### [Graphical Hazardous Weather Outlook](#)

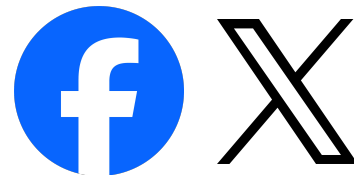
*Helps to determine which days you need to be mindful of hazardous weather*

### [Severe Weather Preparedness](#)

*Severe weather information and resources*

### [Event-Ready Webpage](#)

*For planning and monitoring weather events*



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