Another very cold start to the day, with negative double digits area wide for several hours and wind chills of -25° to -45°.

Rockford has broke their all-time record low temperature this morning. The previous record was -27° on January 20, 1985.

Accumulating snow this afternoon and evening, spreading from west to east, will impact all or some of the evening commute.
Hazards: Dangerous cold persisting this morning eases into the afternoon, though temperatures in many places will still remain below 0° this afternoon. Accumulating snow this afternoon and evening.

Areas Impacted: All of northern Illinois and northwest Indiana.

Timing & Duration: Most dangerous cold this morning. Snow will spread west to east during the afternoon into early evening and persist about 9 hours once it starts.

Impacts: Bitterly cold temperatures can lead to rapid onset of frostbite this morning. The snow combined with the cold temperatures will lead to the snow quickly sticking on roadways.

Certainty & Considerations: High confidence in snow. Possible for some places to see 4-6” in northern Illinois but likely will be localized if it occurs.
Snow Today

Accumulating Snow Returns This Afternoon & Evening

**When**
Start: 2pm to 6pm west to east
End: 12am to 4am west to east

**Snow**
Rates: Light to moderate

**Impacts**
Snow covered roads & slowed travel, likely hazardous in places during evening commute

**Temperatures**
Single digits above & below 0° during snow
Cold temps make road treatments less effective

**Actions**
- Leave extra travel time.
- Reduce speed & increase following distance.
Snow Onset Today

Forecast Start Time of Today’s Accumulating Snow

- 1-3” to 2-4” forecast, with highest (locally 4”) from area of Dixon to Ottawa through Pontiac & Watseka
- Light to moderate snowfall rates
- Snow will stick on roads
- Accumulating snow ends overnight

Note: Format is hour of day followed by day of week (Th = Thursday)
Elevated Risk for Ice Jams Continues

Risk for Ice Jams Continues

• Extensive ice cover has developed and thickened on area rivers, creeks, and streams due to the prolonged very cold weather.

• Ice jams occur where river flow is impeded by ice. Localized, rapid rises in water levels may occur with little or no notice.

• Residents in low lying flood prone areas should remain alert for possible flooding due to ice jams. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways.

• Contact the NWS if you observe ice jam flooding.

Ice jams continue on portions of the Rock, Fox, & Kankakee rivers (in yellow).

For latest river flood warnings and statements, go to: water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=lot
Other Resources

- **Winter Weather Safety & Preparedness** – safety graphics and messaging
- **Latest on this Event** – forecast and observations graphics and links for this winter event
- **Weather Watcher Webpage** – ideal for someone in charge of monitoring the weather ahead of and during an event
- **Enhanced Hazardous Weather Outlook** – helps to determine which days you need to be mindful of hazardous weather
- **NWS Headline Definitions**

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