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Subject: Changes to Public Forecast Zones for WFO Chicago, IL: Effective  
March 3, 2020

Effective Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 100 PM Central Standard Time (CST),  
1800 Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), the NWS Weather Forecast Office  
(WFO) in Chicago, IL, will change Public Forecast Zones encompassing Cook  
and Will Counties in northeast Illinois. Upon implementation of this  
change, all public forecasts and related products will use the zone  
numbers and names listed below.

If March 3, 2020 is declared a Critical Weather Day, this implementation  
will be postponed to March 10, 2020.

These changes have been coordinated with partnering agencies and will  
improve forecast services to the city of Chicago and the Chicago  
metropolitan area by allowing for more refined watches, warnings and  
advisories. The new zones will be divided as follows:

Divide the current Cook County forecast zone (ILZ014) into three zones:  
Northern Cook County, Central Cook County and Southern Cook County.

The Central Cook County zone will contain the entire city of Chicago  
except for a small portion within DuPage County.

Divide the current Will County forecast zone (ILZ022) into three zones:  
Northern Will County, Southern Will County, Eastern Will County.

The new zone numbers, names, and description of the zone areas are listed  
below.

WFO Chicago Public Forecast Zones being divided:

Zone Number:	Zone Name
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ILZ014:	Cook
ILZ022:	Will

These zones will be replacing the existing zones above:

Zone Number:	Zone Name
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ILZ103:	Northern Cook
ILZ104:	Central Cook
ILZ105:	Southern Cook
ILZ106:	Northern Will
ILZ107:	Southern Will
ILZ108:	Eastern Will

Full list of new WFO Chicago, Illinois Public Forecast Zones:

Zone Number:	Zone Name
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ILZ003:	Winnebago
ILZ004:	Boone
ILZ005:	McHenry
ILZ006:	Lake
ILZ008:	Ogle
ILZ010:	Lee
ILZ011:	De Kalb
ILZ012:	Kane
ILZ013:	DuPage
ILZ019:	La Salle
ILZ020:	Kendall
ILZ021:	Grundy
ILZ023:	Kankakee
ILZ032:	Livingston
ILZ033:	Iroquois
ILZ039:	Ford
ILZ103:	Northern Cook
ILZ104:	Central Cook
ILZ105:	Southern Cook
ILZ106:	Northern Will
ILZ107:	Southern Will
ILZ108:	Eastern Will
INZ001:	Lake
INZ002:	Porter
INZ010:	Newton
INZ011:	Jasper
INZ019:	Benton

Updated public zone shapefiles are online at:

<https://www.weather.gov/gis/PublicZones>

A graphical depiction of this change is online at:

[https://www.weather.gov/lot/Forecast\\_Zone\\_Change](https://www.weather.gov/lot/Forecast_Zone_Change)

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