

# Severe Thunderstorms Possible this Afternoon/Eve.

## SEVERE WEATHER POSSIBLE TODAY & THIS EVENING

### WHAT

Severe thunderstorms with **damaging wind (some significant)**, large hail, and very heavy rain possible. A few brief tornadoes will also be possible this afternoon and evening. Some areas could experience multiple rounds of severe storms today.

### WHERE

Area-wide, but the main severe risk is expected to be primarily north of I-80.

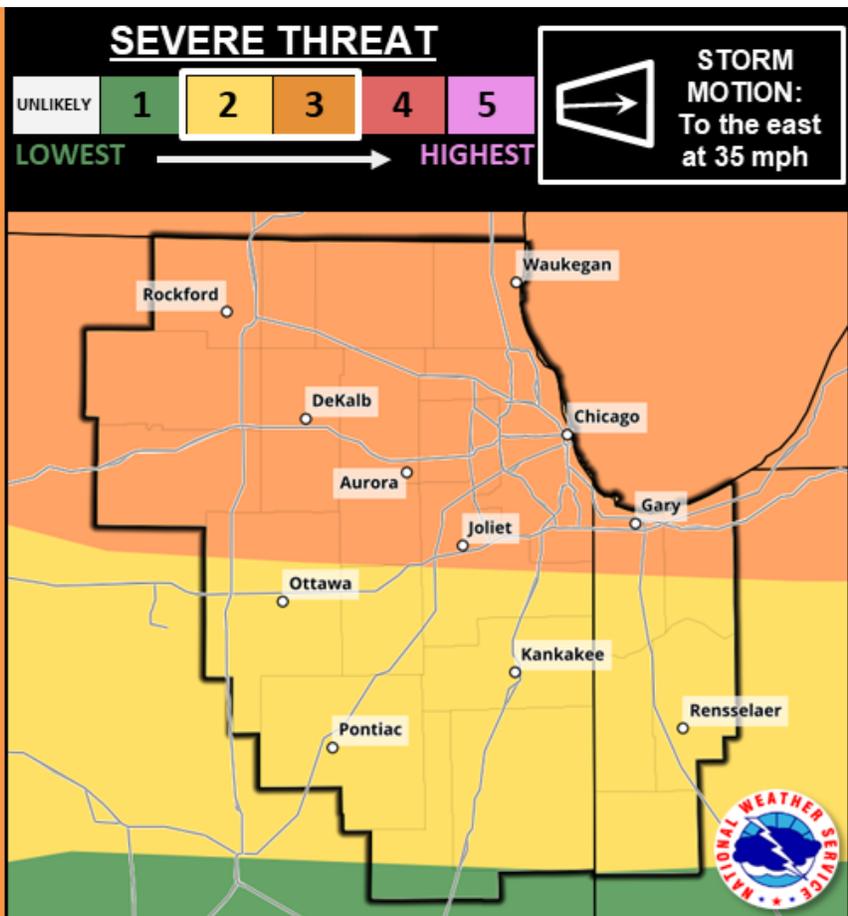
### WHEN

Several rounds of storms are possible today. The greatest severe risk is late this afternoon into the evening, roughly 4 - 10 PM.

### ACTION

Monitor the weather and have a plan of action if severe weather strikes your area.

Friday, June 26, 2020 4:51 AM CDT



## Weather Message of the Day:



- Multiple rounds of thunderstorms are possible across northern Illinois through this evening.
- Damaging winds to 70 mph and a brief tornado or two are possible mid-afternoon through mid-evening.
- Very heavy rain expected with any thunderstorm, with a localized flash flood threat north of I-80 late afternoon & early evening

## Important Forecast Changes



This is the first issuance for this event.



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## Today's Thunderstorm Timeline

Issued: 6/26/2020 5:01 AM Central



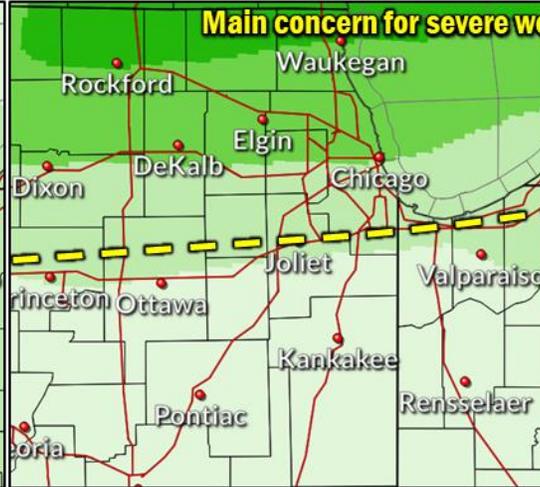
This Morning

MIDDAY (1 PM - 5 PM)

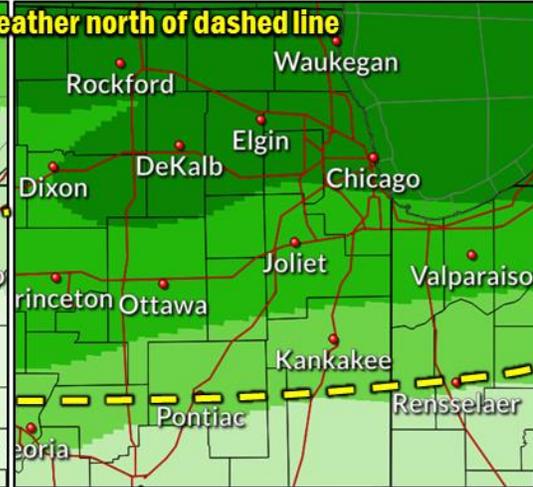
Late PM → This Evening



Scattered storms, decreasing in coverage and intensity. Small hail and gusty winds possible.



Additional storms may develop and could become severe.



A third area of storms developing. Damaging winds and a few brief tornadoes possible.

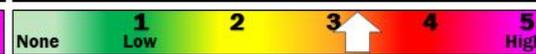
Storm Coverage



Severe Weather Threat



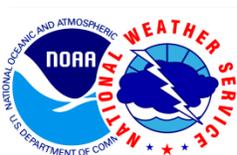
Severe Weather Threat



Flooding Threat



**Certainty & Considerations:** Forecast confidence gradually decreases through this evening as each successive round of thunderstorms further complicates the weather set-up across northern Illinois. However, there is decent confidence that the area will experience two rounds of strong to severe thunderstorms, one during the mid to late afternoon and another during the early to mid-evening. The exact locations of the highest severe thunderstorm threat are not as clear, but areas around and north of I-80 have the greatest risk.



## Severe Thunderstorm Preparedness



A **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms to develop. When a watch is issued, it is time to prepare and stay weather aware.

A **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** is issued when a thunderstorm poses a threat to life or property. Now is the time to act!

**Have a NOAA weather radio handy** and make sure it is tuned to the right transmitter:

<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/Maps/index.php>

**How do I stay safe?** Go indoors and stay away from windows. If you are caught outside, do not seek shelter underneath a tree – they are prone to lightning strikes. A hard-topped vehicle may offer some protection as a last resort. Do not touch the sides of the vehicle.

***All thunderstorms can be deadly: When Thunder Roars, Go indoors!***

## Other Resources

- [Check out our Weather Watcher webpage](#)– ideal for someone in charge of monitoring the weather ahead of and during an event!
- [Information on storm safety and storm preparedness](#)
- [Enhanced Hazardous Weather Outlook](#) – helps you figure out which days you need to be mindful of hazardous weather!

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