

# Accumulating Snow & Ice Late Tuesday-Early Wednesday



## Hazardous Travel Possible TUE PM into WED AM



### WHAT and WHEN



- Period of snow beginning late TUE afternoon; several inches of accumulation possible
- Widespread mixed precipitation, including freezing rain TUE night into WED morning



### WHERE

- All of northern Illinois and northwest Indiana

### IMPACTS



- Potential for slowed travel due to ice and snow covered roads TUE PM into WED AM
- Some power outages possible from combination of heavy wet snow, some icing and gusty winds



### ACTIONS

- ✓ Stay up to date with the latest forecast.
- ✓ Prepare for possible travel impacts.



### Message of the Day:

- Snow will move into portions of mainly northern Illinois late Tuesday afternoon into the evening, with accumulation of several inches possible just in that time mainly along/north of I-88
- Widespread mixed precipitation, including some freezing rain, is likely overnight Tuesday into early Wednesday morning
- Light icing is probable across much of the area late Tuesday night
- Total snow accumulation in portions of far northern Illinois, especially near Rockford, of 4-7 inches are becoming likely



### Important Forecast Changes

This is the initial issuance.

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### Key Points



**Hazards:** Accumulating snow of several inches and freezing rain



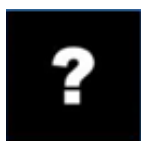
**Areas Impacted:** Freezing rain area-wide; Snow accumulation mainly north of I-80, with heaviest along/north of I-88 in north central Illinois



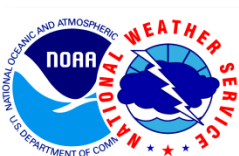
**Timing & Duration:** Snow moving in from west to east during late Tuesday afternoon and into the early evening. There may be a brief break of a few hours after this initial round of snow. Widespread mixed precipitation will move in overnight, with a transition to rain from south-to-north early Wednesday morning.



**Impacts:** Slippery roads, some snow covered especially north. Potential for some power outages given heavy wet snow, some icing, and wind gusts up to 30 mph. Also the heavy wet nature of the snow may be difficult to shovel.

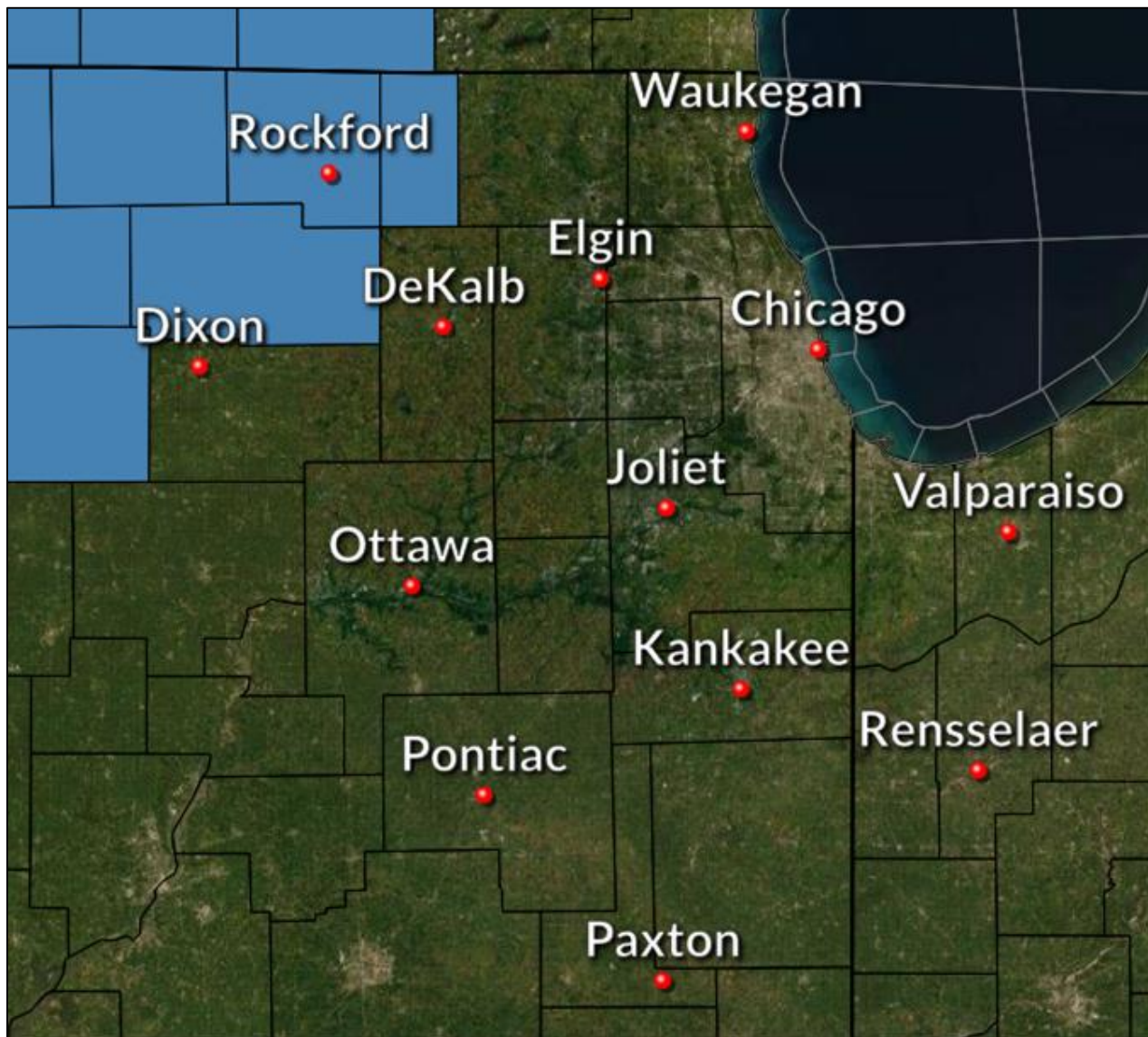


**Certainty & Considerations:** The specific timing of precipitation type change overs is uncertain, and the duration of icing and impacts will likely vary considerably. Also, a sharp gradient in snowfall amounts may occur over portions of northern Illinois.



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### NWS Headlines for Tuesday Afternoon - Wednesday Morning

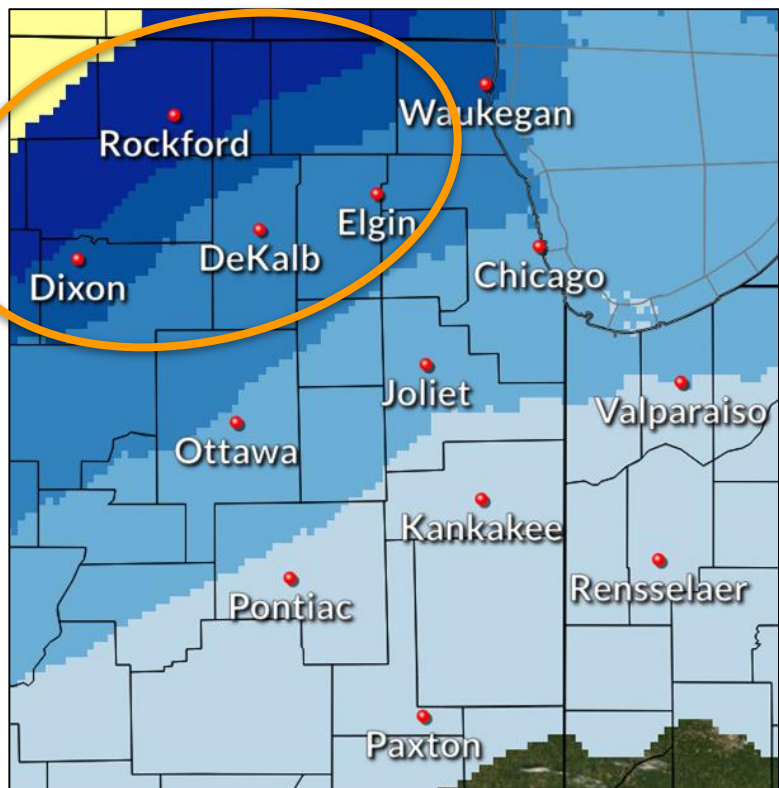


- Winter Storm Watch is in effect from late Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday morning.
- Based on current forecast, a Winter Weather Advisory will likely be issued for much of the rest of the area for this event.

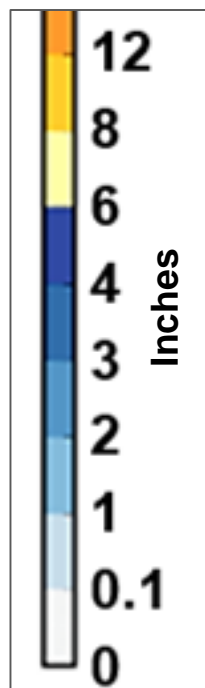
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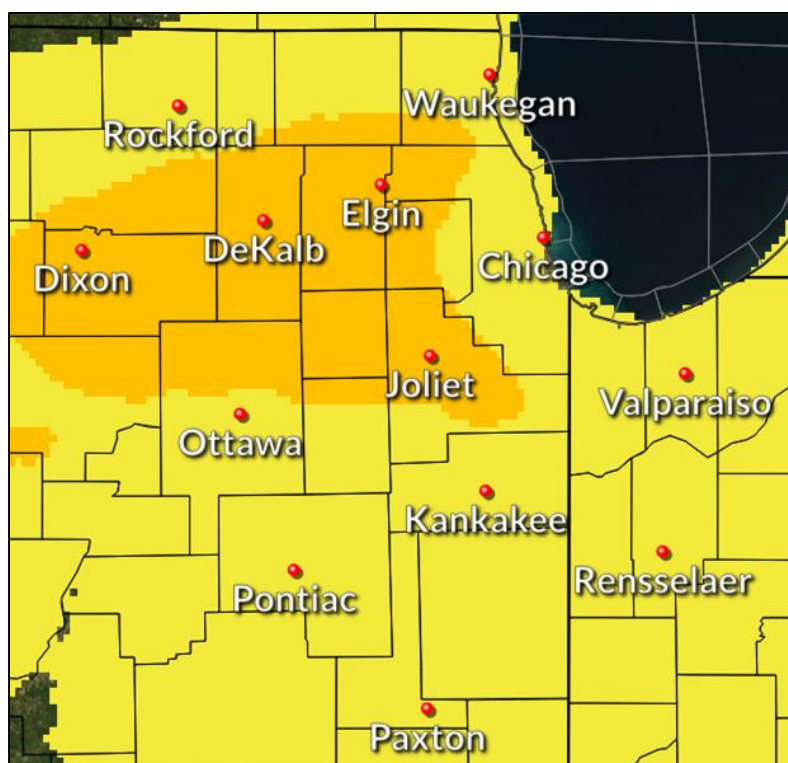
### Preliminary Forecast Snowfall & Ice Amounts






Forecast Snowfall Amounts

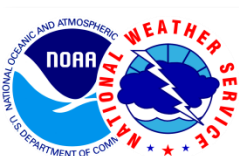


 Sharp gradient possible



Forecast Ice Amounts

-  0.01 to 0.10 inch
-  0.10 to 0.25 inch
-  0.25 to 0.50 inch



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### Outdoor Health Facility-Specific Information



**What:** Southerly wind gusts to 30 mph Tuesday night and Wednesday morning

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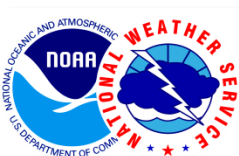
**Where:** Area-wide



**When:** 9 p.m. Tuesday - 12 p.m. Wednesday



**Confidence:** Medium-High



## 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
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