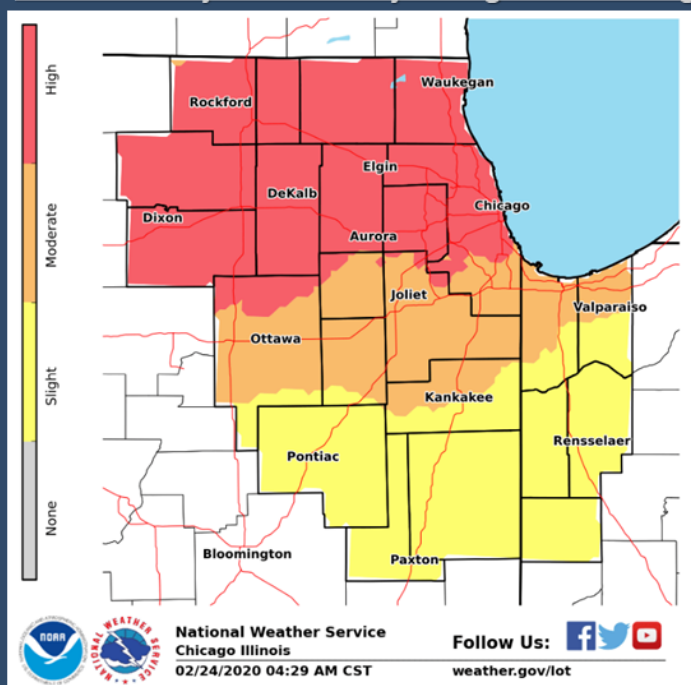


Significant Snow Accumulation Possible Tue-Wed

Significant Snow Storm Possible Tuesday into Wednesday Morning



Threat of Heavy Snow Tuesday Through Wed Morning



Potential Impact Timing

Low

High

6pm-12am
Monday

12am-6am
Tuesday

6am-12pm
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Summary:

- Some snow is possible over northern IL Mon night, but more impactful snow will be Tue AM thru Wed, when 6"+ could fall.
- Periods of moderate, to briefly heavy, wet snow likely during this time, especially along and north of the I-80 corridor.
- Travel impacts are likely to be the most significant during the Tue afternoon and Wed commutes.
- There will be an increased threat for lake shore flooding late Tue and Wed due to increasing northerly winds over Lake Michigan.

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Key Points



Hazards: Accumulating wet snow, with moderate snow rates to potentially briefly heavy at times Tue afternoon through early Wed. Winds will gust 30 to 35 mph at times, which could further reduce the visibility in places.

The threat of lakeshore flooding increases Tuesday morning and continues into Wednesday evening due to strengthening northerly winds over Lake Michigan.



Areas Impacted: There remains uncertainty in the exact placement of the heaviest snow. However, conditions continue to suggest that this could occur right across northern IL, roughly along and north of the I-80 corridor.



Timing & Duration: Light snow beginning as early as Mon night over far northern IL. However, the more impactful accumulating snowfall looks to be from late Tue morning thru late Wed afternoon. The snow should end by early Wed evening.



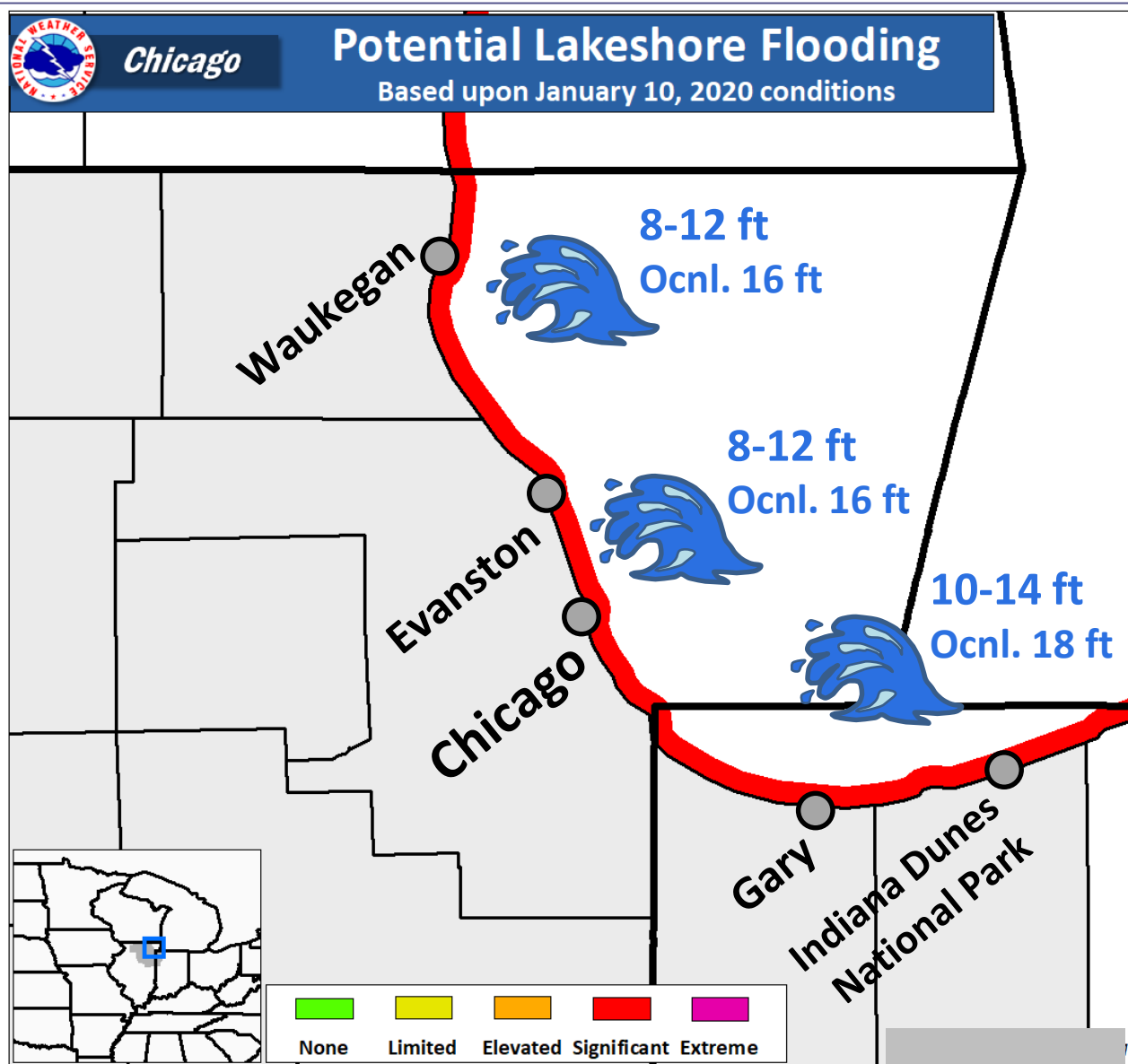
Impacts: Snow covered roads possibility resulting in significantly impacted travel during the Tue PM commute, and both the AM and PM commutes on Wed.



Certainty & Considerations: The storm system responsible for this event is rather complex, so confidence on where the heaviest snow will fall remains a bit uncertain. While this is the case, there is decent confidence in some accumulating snow over northern IL during the period.

Confidence is fairly high for at least some minor lake shore flooding threat Tue night and Wed as northerly winds increase over the lake. However, there also remains a decent potential for more significant lake shore flooding, especially over portions of the Indiana shores.

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Information:

- A period of strong northerly winds gusting to 40 mph across Lake Michigan will likely result in large wave action developing Tue morning and continuing through Wed eve.
- Shoreline and beach erosion are probable.

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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