

Prolonged Stretch of Dangerous Cold - Briefing #5

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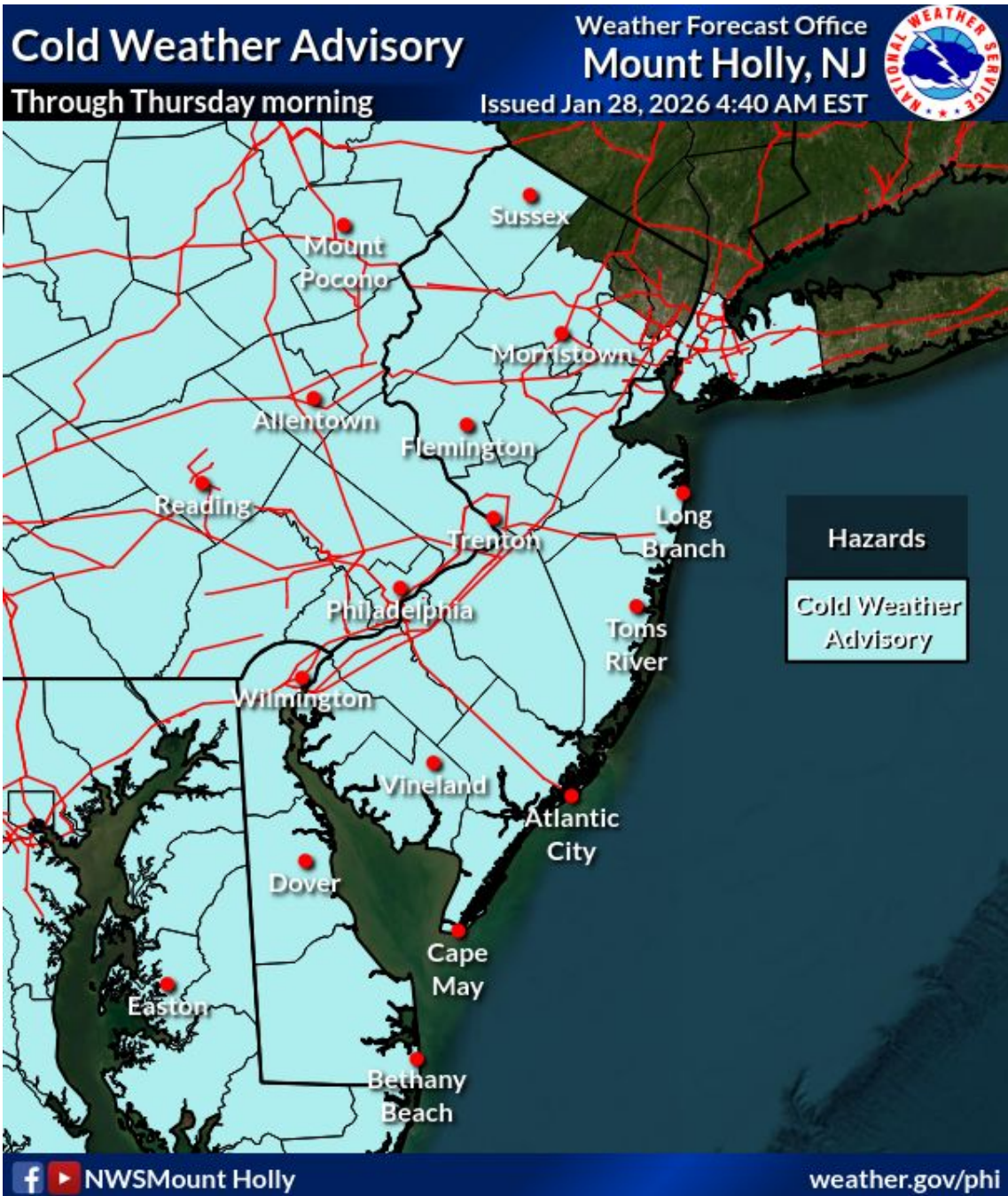
For Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland

Decision Support Briefing #5

→ As of 5:00 AM 1/28/2026

NEW Important Updates

- Cold Weather Advisory extended for the *entire* area through 10 AM Thursday.
- High confidence in temperatures remaining below freezing through at least Sunday.
- Potential for a coastal storm this weekend continues to increase, though confidence in details remains low, especially with regard to snowfall.





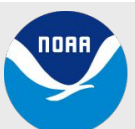
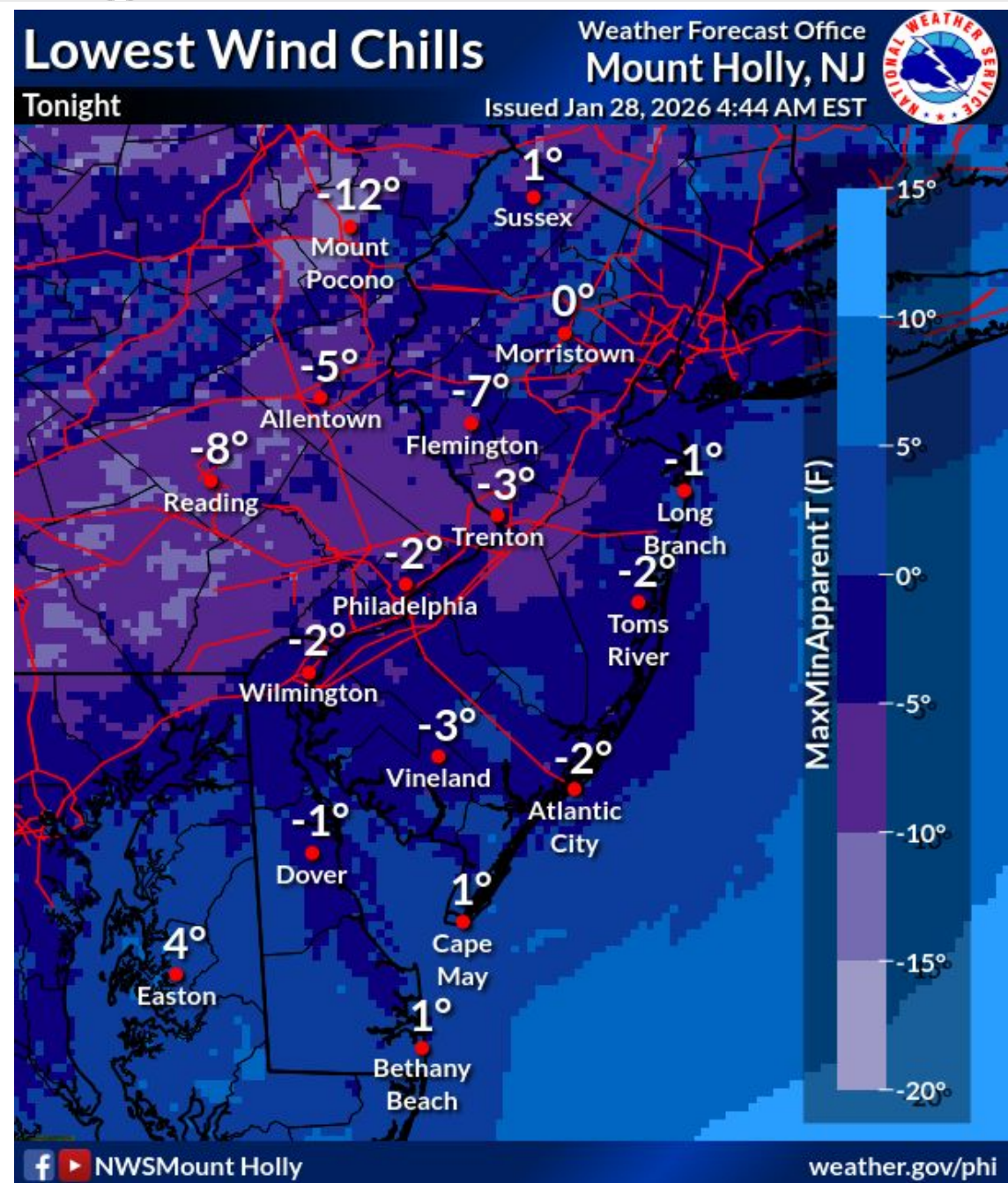
Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

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Through Thursday morning

Key Messages

- A **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect for the entire area through Thursday morning
- **Wind chills between 0°F and -10°F** for most of the area into Thursday morning. **Wind chills as low as -15°F in the Poconos.**
- Even colder wind chills possible Thursday night through Saturday morning.
- A prolonged period of well below normal temperatures is expected to continue through the weekend.



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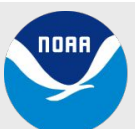
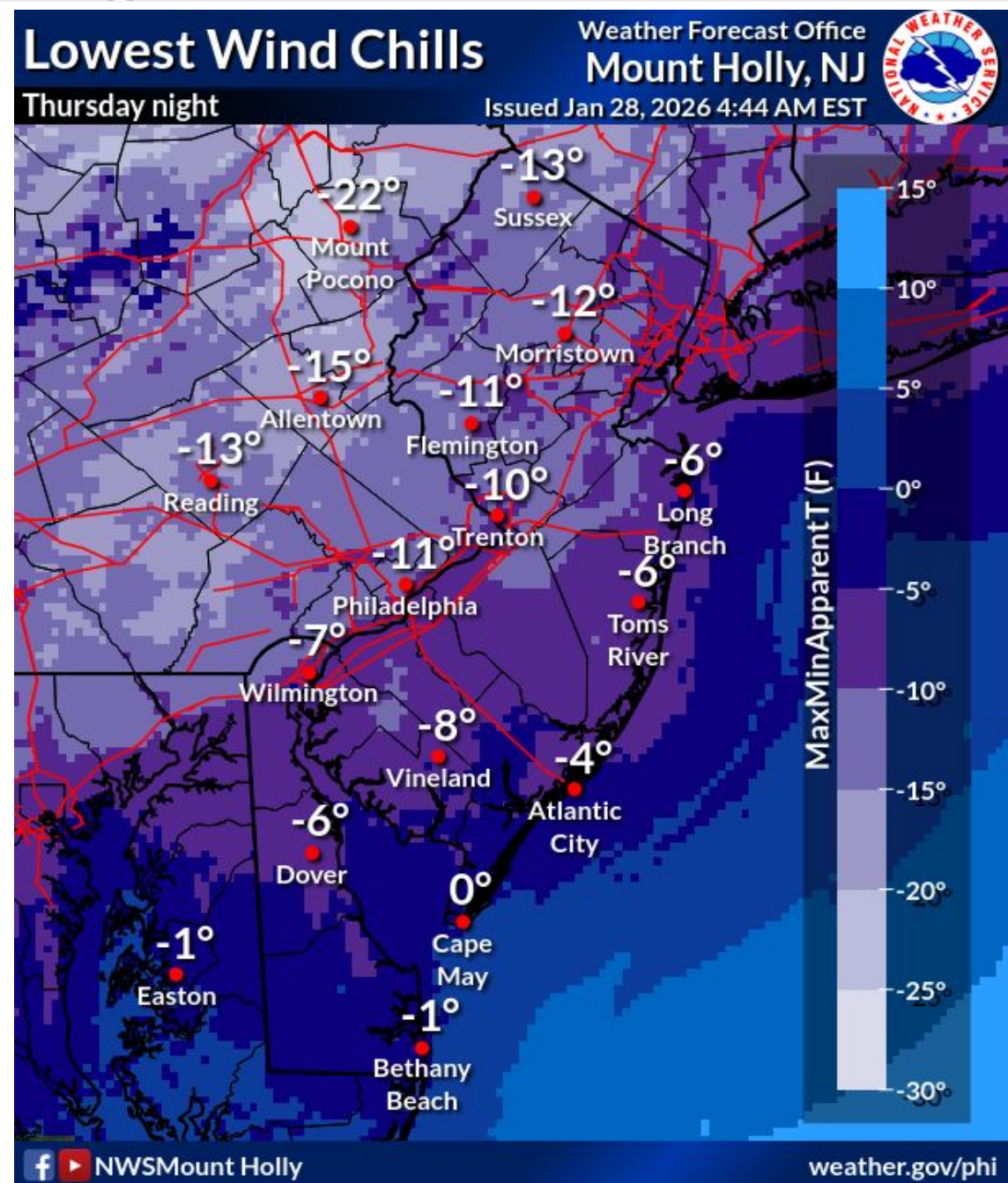
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Through the Rest of the Week

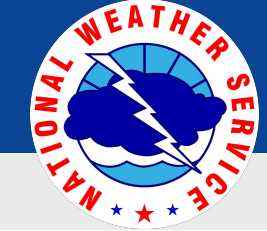
Key Messages

- Temperatures will be in the 10s°F and 20s°F during the daytime and single digits °F to below zero °F at night through the weekend.
- Temperatures may not rise above freezing for most through early next week.
- Cold temperatures will help preserve the snow cover across the region. Snow can still melt on sunny days due to solar radiation. This will increase the potential for **black ice** on untreated surfaces, creating a hazard for nighttime driving.



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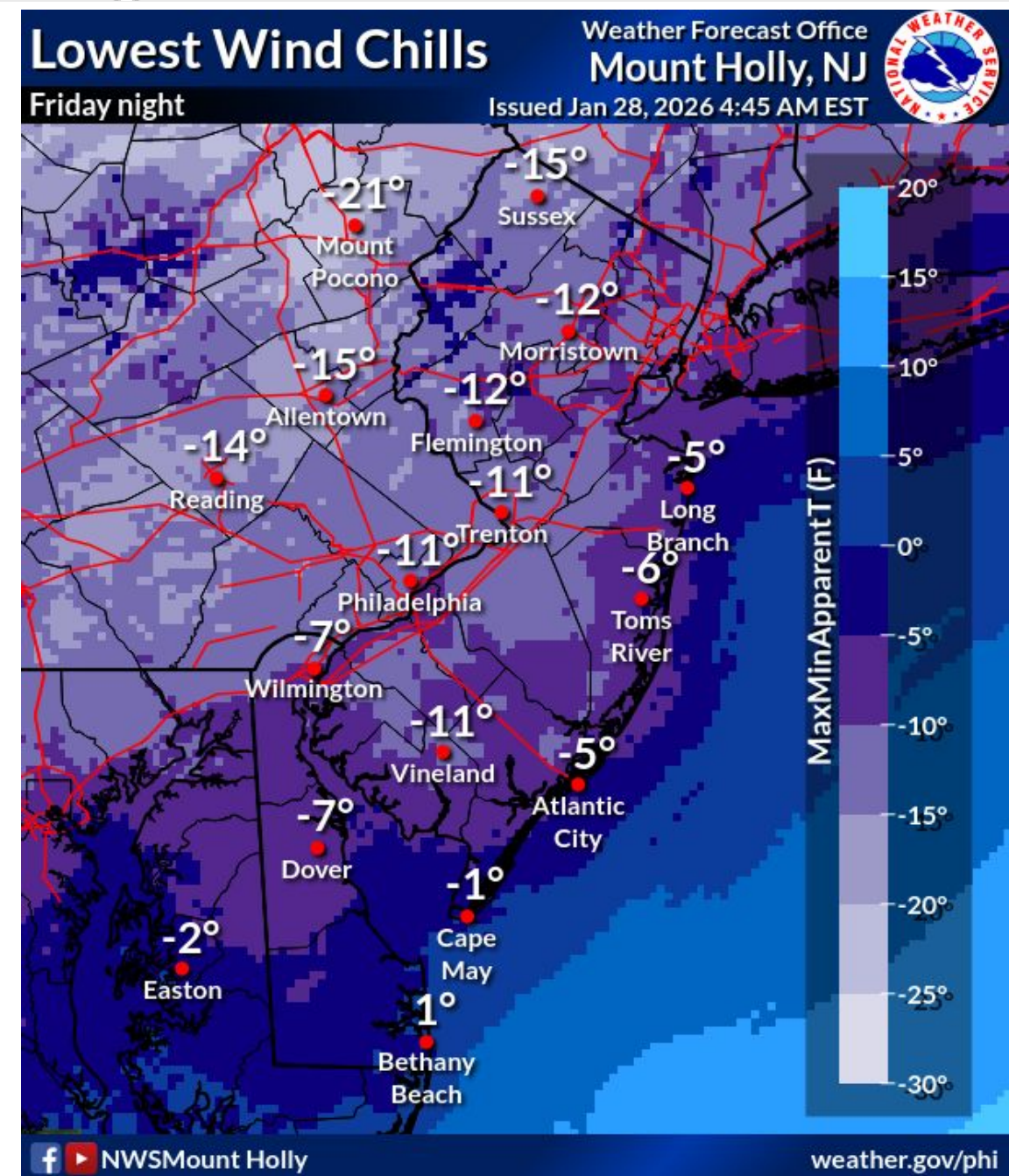
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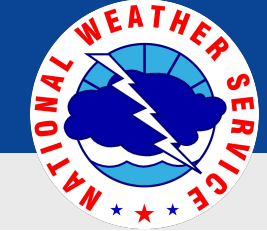
Key Messages

- Dangerously cold wind chills between -15°F and 0°F are expected, leading to an **increased risk of hypothermia and frostbite**. Wind chills potentially as low as -25°F in the southern Poconos.
- Period of **extreme cold** possible beginning Thursday night - Saturday morning.
- Increased risk of energy infrastructure impacts due to high heating demand following the winter storm.



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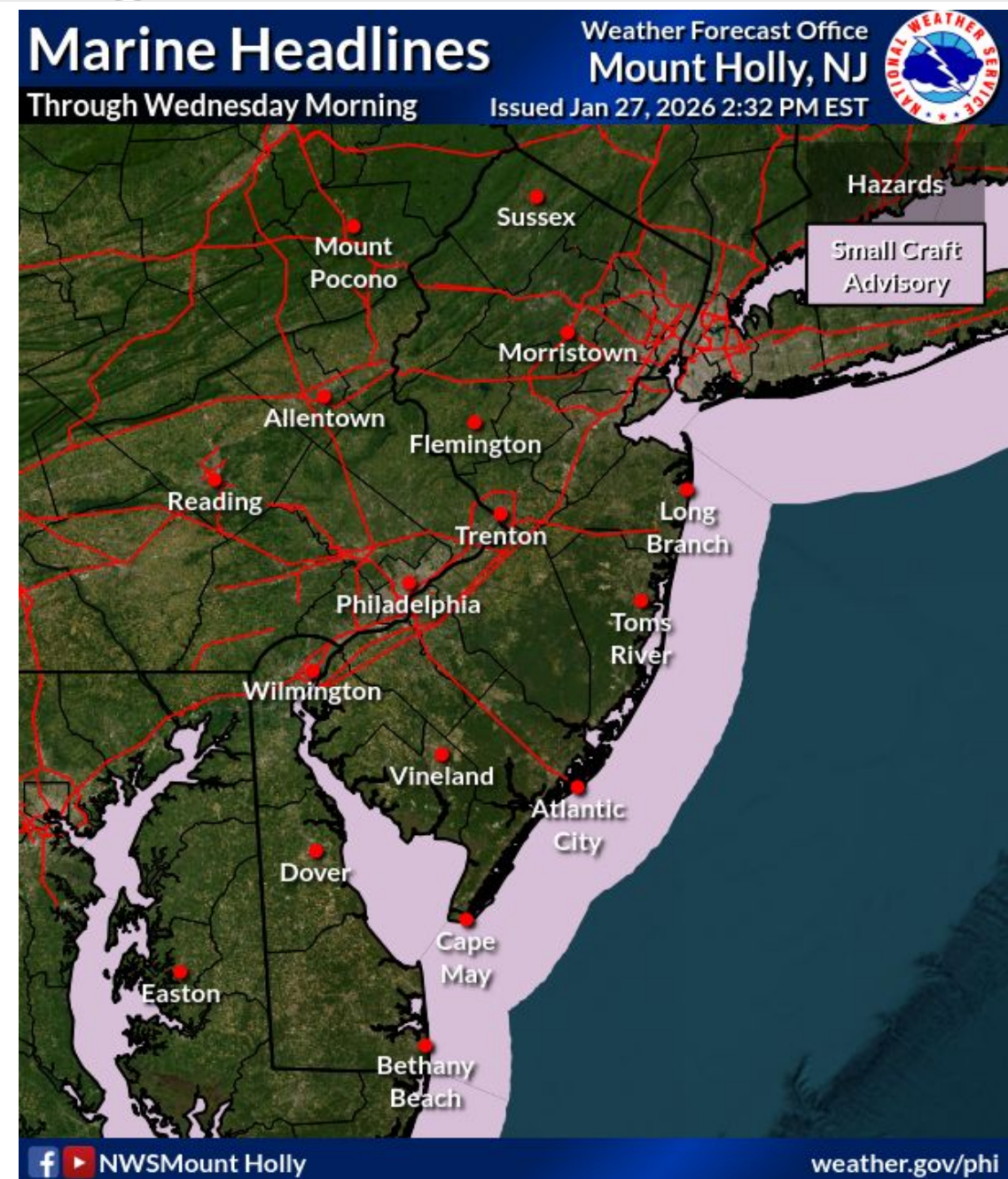


Marine Hazards

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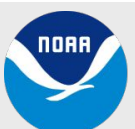
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Through Wednesday Morning



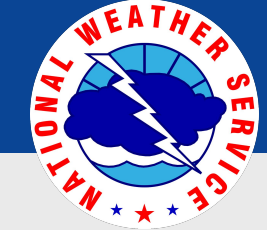
Key Messages

- A **Small Craft Advisory** is in effect into this morning for all marine zones. Wind gusts out of the northwest around 25-30 kt expected.
- A **Freezing Spray Advisory** is in effect into this morning for all marine zones.
- Air temperatures in the 10s° and 20s° F will persist through this week, likely resulting in **ice development** across shallow and sheltered coastal waters. Greatest threat of ice development will be along the tidal Delaware River, Delaware Bay, and back bays of NJ and DE, **potentially rivalling the ice impacts that occurred in January 2018**. This will create difficult conditions for vessel navigation.



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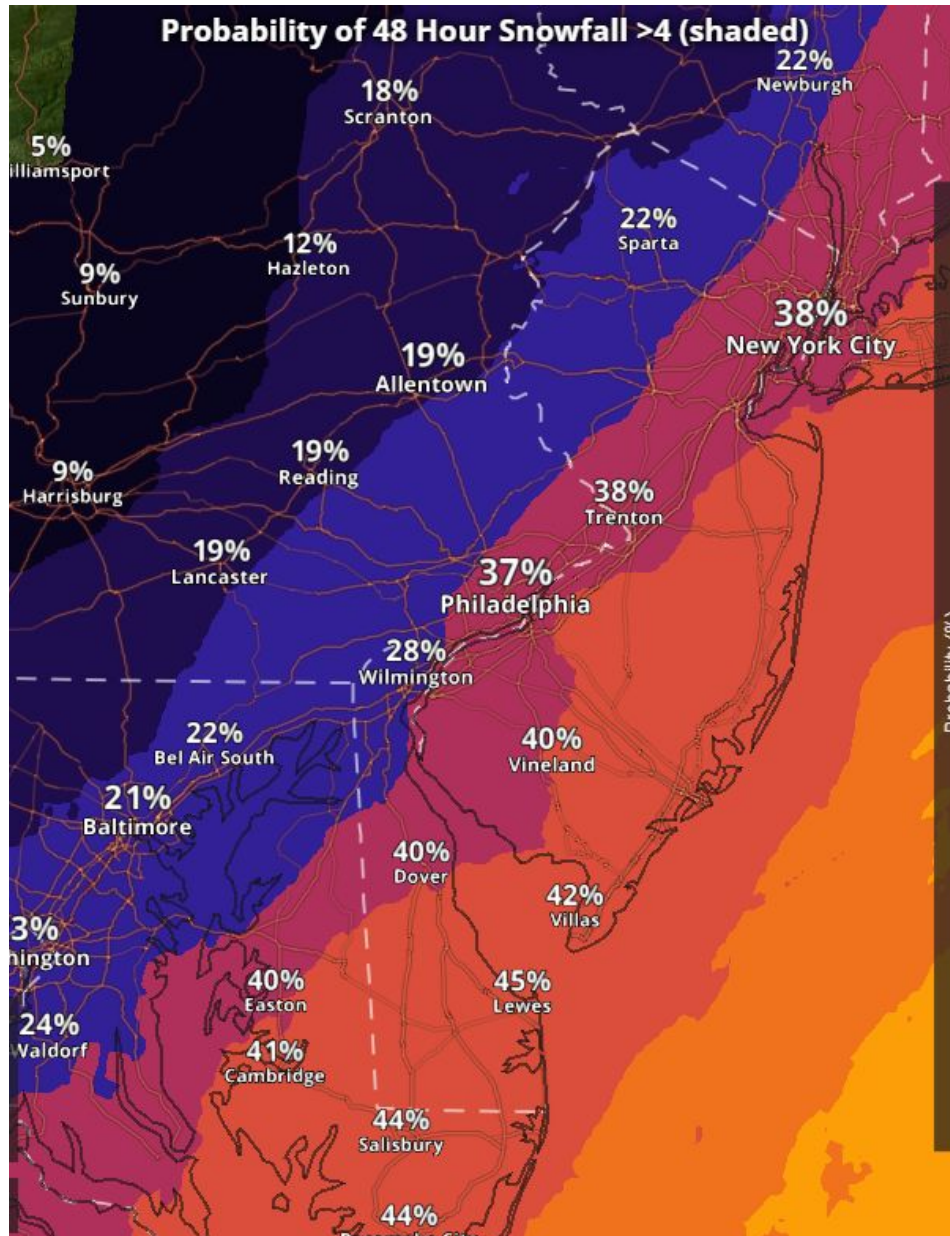


Monitoring This Weekend

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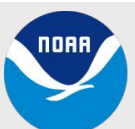
Low to Medium Chance for Moderate Impacts from Winter Weather

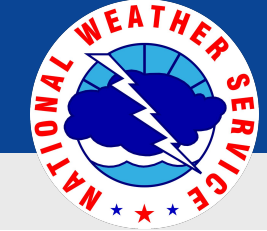
National Blend of Models probability of 4" of snow



Key Messages

- Confidence remains in a coastal storm developing this weekend, bringing impacts to portions of the area.
- For coastal communities, increasing concerns for strong onshore winds and the potential for coastal flooding with the timing of the full moon on Sunday.
- Otherwise, **confidence remains low** on other specific impacts, **especially snowfall**, along with the exact track of the system.
- Specific details will come into better focus over the coming days.





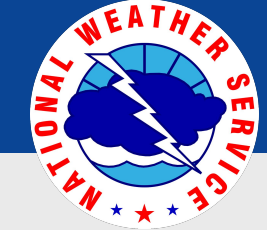
Summary of Greatest Impacts

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- Dangerous cold is expected to continue through this weekend. Wind chills and temperatures in the single digits to below zero are expected for **several** consecutive nights. Temperatures likely will not rise above freezing until early next week. Prolonged exposure to dangerous wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken. Impacts to energy infrastructure are possible due to increased heating demand.
- Confidence continues increasing that a storm will impact portions of our area this upcoming weekend. Increasing concerns for gusty winds and coastal flooding at the coast. **Confidence remains low** on other specific impacts **especially snowfall**. The latest forecast updates occur every 12 hours at weather.gov/phi





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