

Dangerous Cold and Winter Storm Briefing #3

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

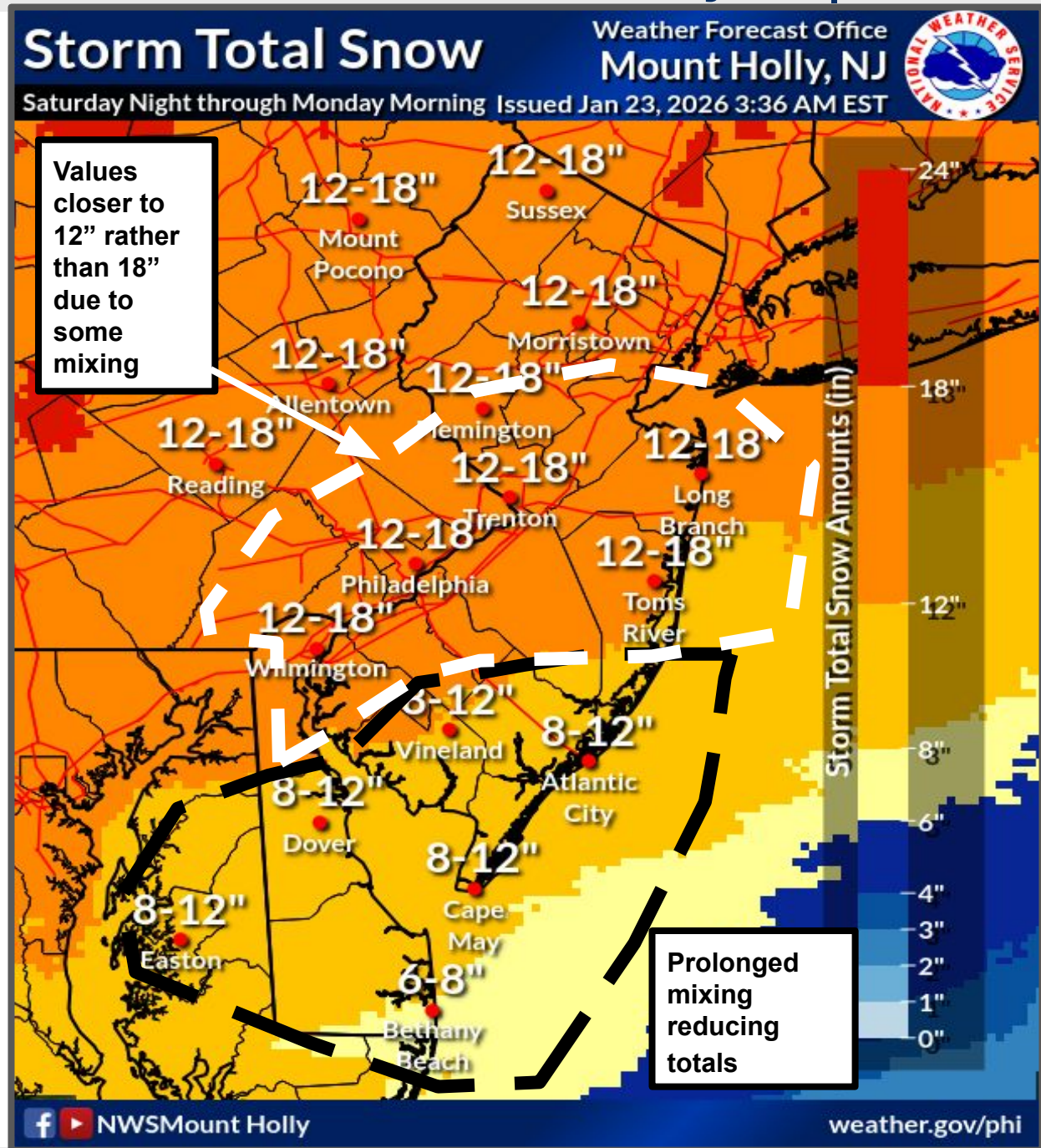
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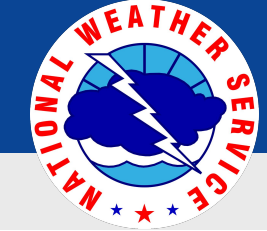
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Important Updates

- Cold Weather Advisory was **upgraded** to an **Extreme Cold Warning** for the southern Poconos for tonight.
- Confidence continues to increase in **major** impacts from a significant winter storm Saturday night through Early Monday afternoon. **Sleet and freezing rain** chances have **increased** for the I-95 corridor southward into the Delmarva.
- **Freezing Spray Advisory** issued for **all** marine zones for Friday Night into Saturday Morning.

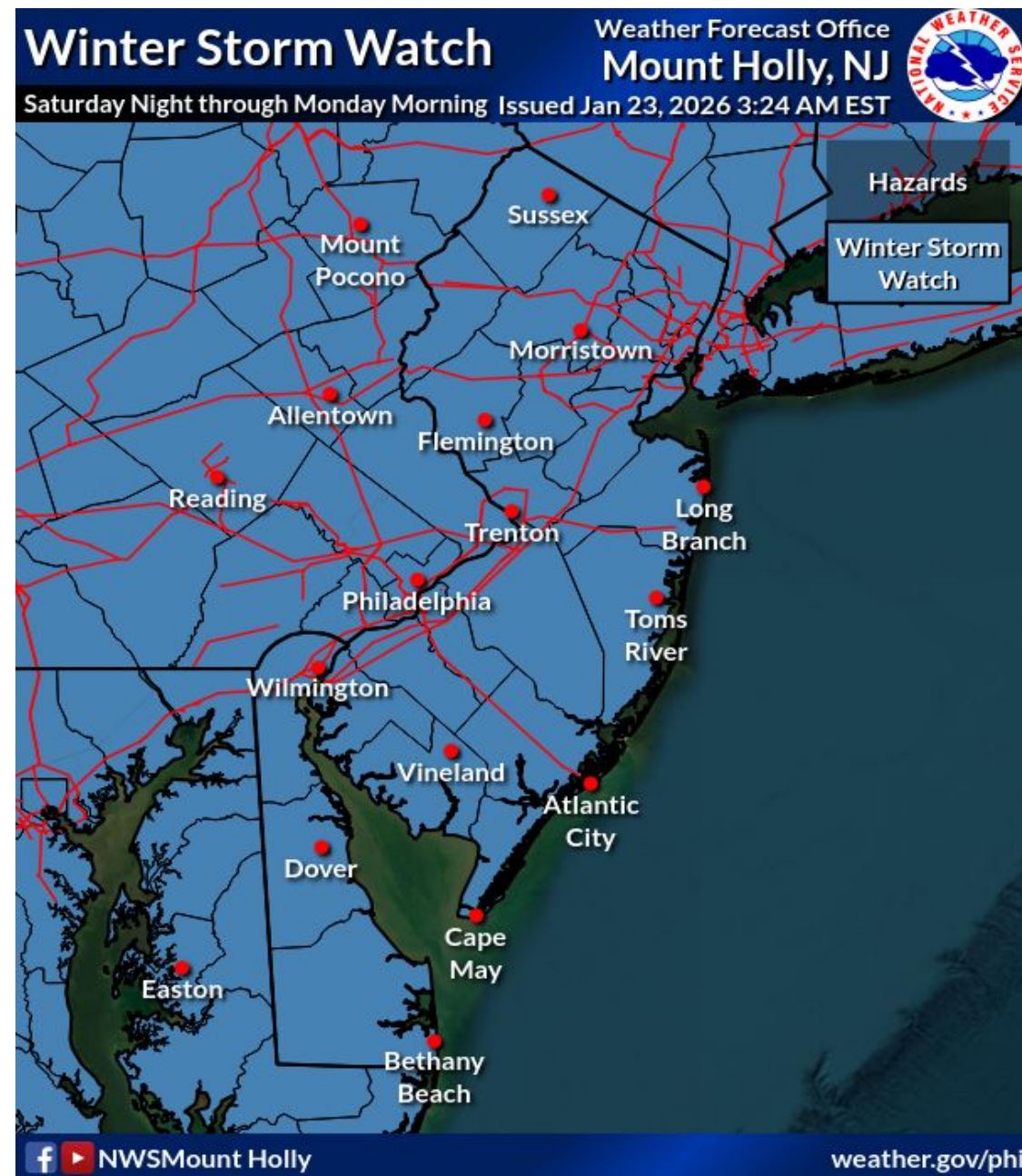
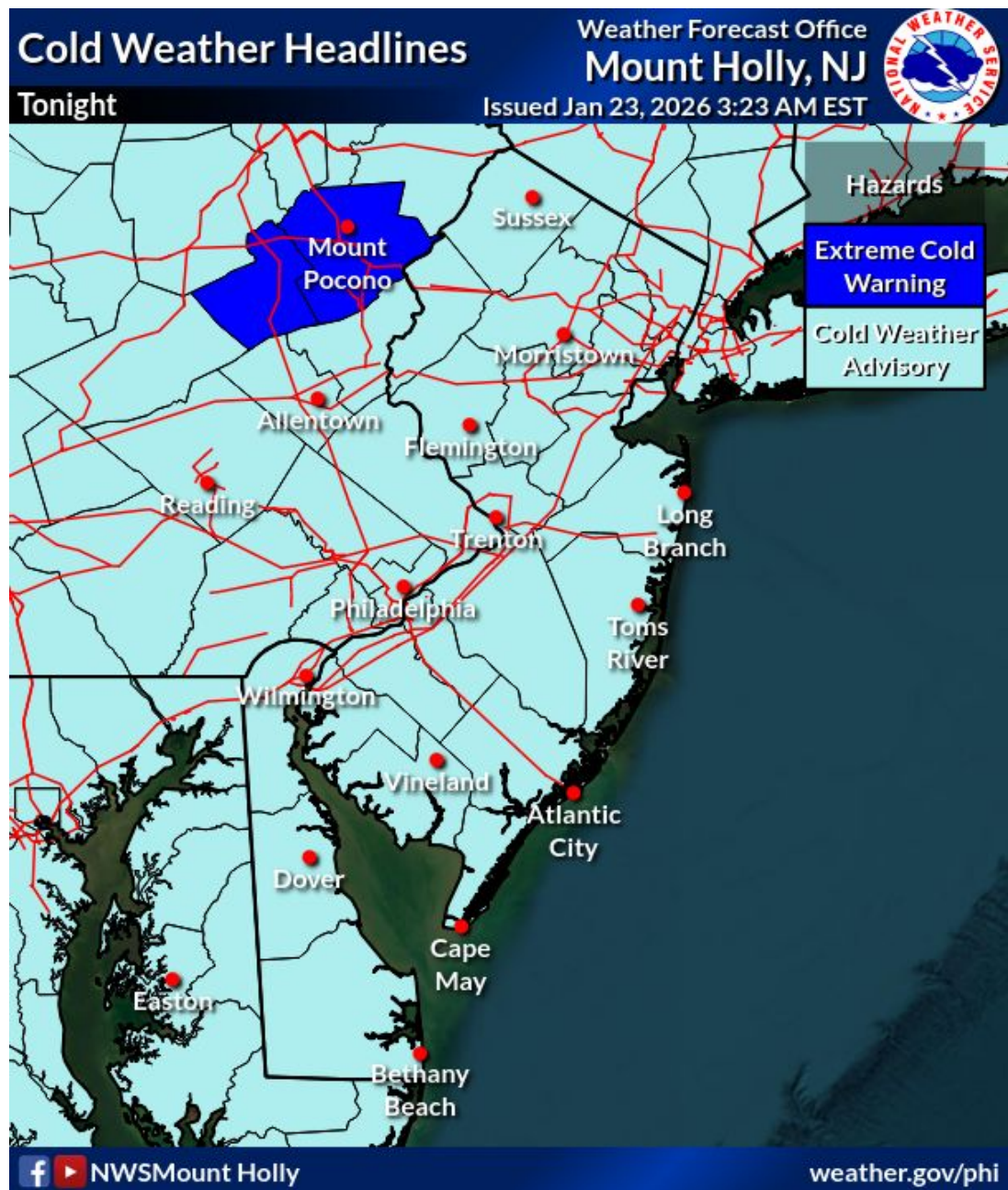




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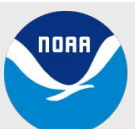
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This Weekend



Key Messages

- **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect for the southern Poconos as wind chills get as low as -20° tomorrow morning.
- A **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect for the rest of the area for tonight.
- A **Winter Storm Watch** remains in effect for the entire area from 7 PM Saturday through 1 PM Monday. Significant snowfall accumulations are expected across the entire area, with some sleet and freezing rain as well.









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Main Points

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Heavy Snow 	Significant snow accumulations will lead to very difficult travel conditions. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Saturday night through early Monday Afternoon.
Ice/Mixed 	Snow may mix with or change to sleet and freezing rain, contributing the hazardous driving conditions. Freezing rain could lead to damage to trees and powerlines.	Much of the I-95 corridor southward into much of DE and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Most likely during the day on Sunday.
Blowing Snow 	Minor blowing and drifting snow could lead to reduced visibilities and snow drifts.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Sunday into Monday.
Cold/Wind Chill 	A prolonged period of dangerous cold could result in hypothermia if outside for long stretches. Impacts to infrastructure possible.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Through next week.
Flash Freeze/ Black Ice 	No flash freeze is expected with this event. Snow and ice covered surfaces will be slow to melt, with well below freezing temperatures through most of next week.	Eastern PA, NJ, DE, and the Eastern Shore of MD.	Tonight through at least next Friday. Temperatures could briefly rise above freezing on Sunday over Delmarva and South Jersey.
Coastal Flooding 	Isolated minor flooding of vulnerable roads and other areas possible.	The Atlantic Coasts of NJ and DE.	The Sunday night high tide cycle.

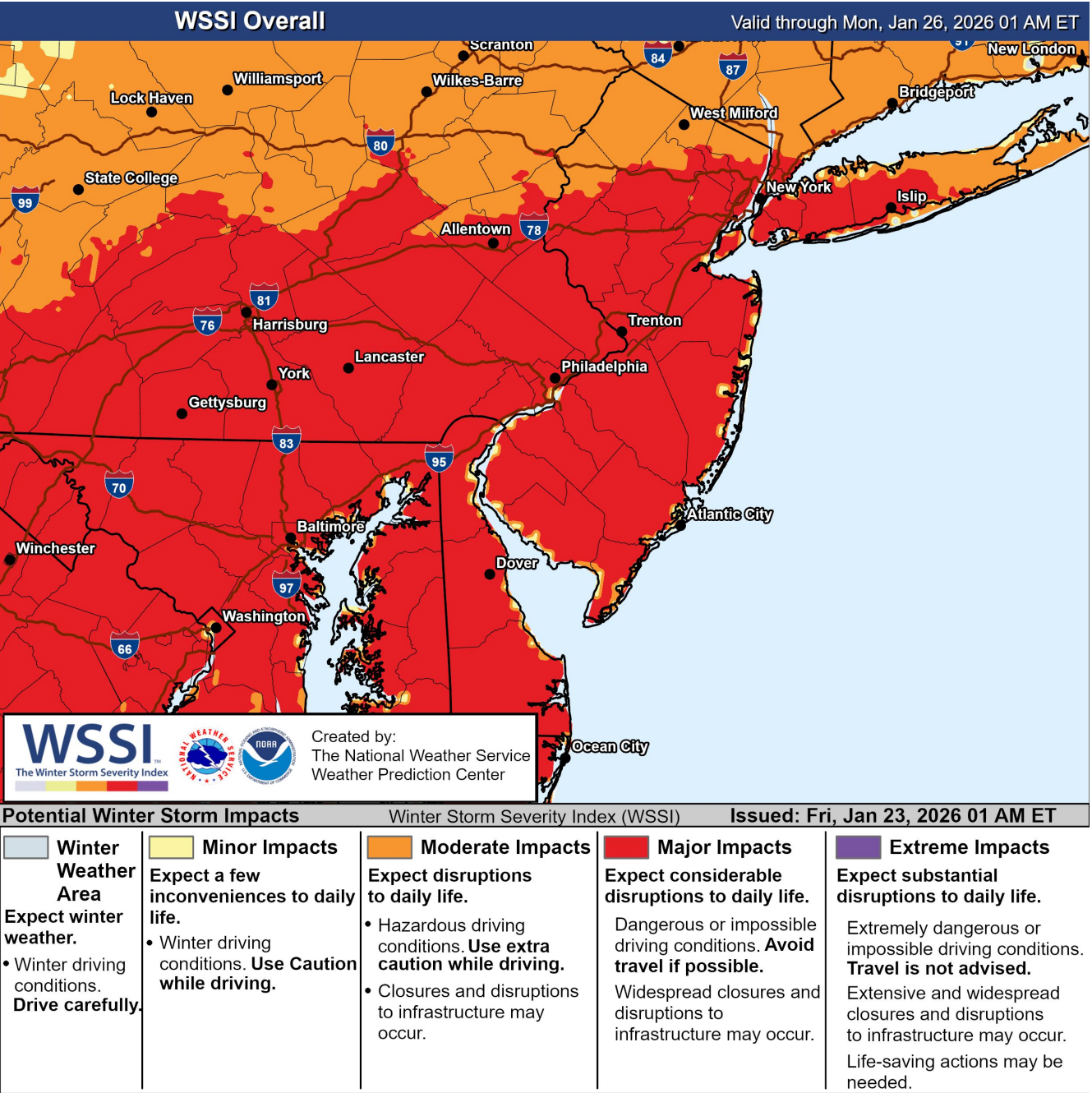




Overall Impacts

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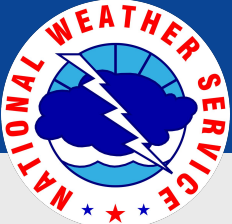
Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)



Key Messages

- Widespread **MAJOR** impacts expected for most of the area.
- Heavy snow and ice accumulation will make travel dangerous or impossible. Expect widespread road closures and significant delays on major interstates.
- Some power outages possible with ice accumulations potentially getting over 0.1" (mainly for the I-95 corridor and Delmarva)

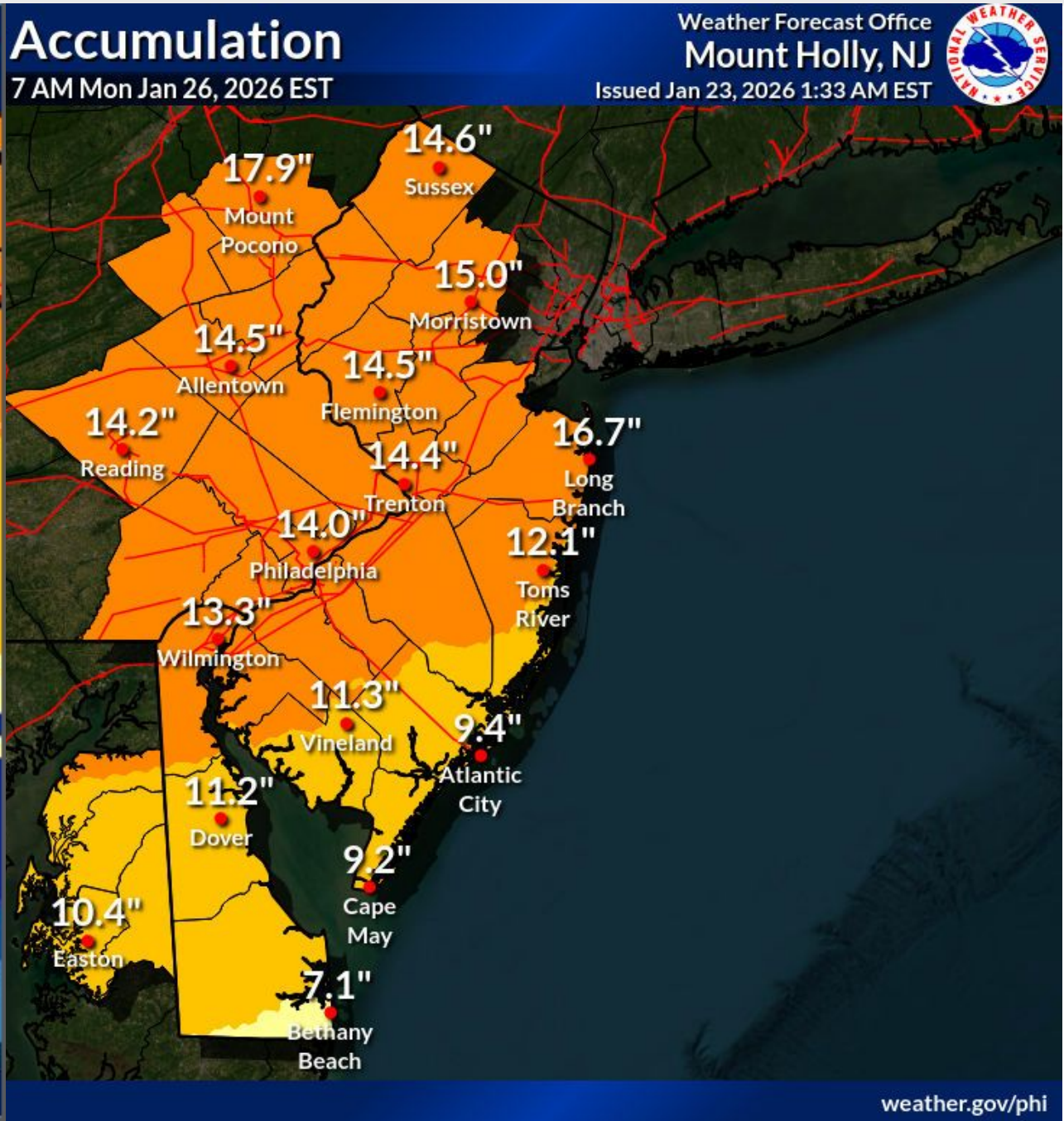
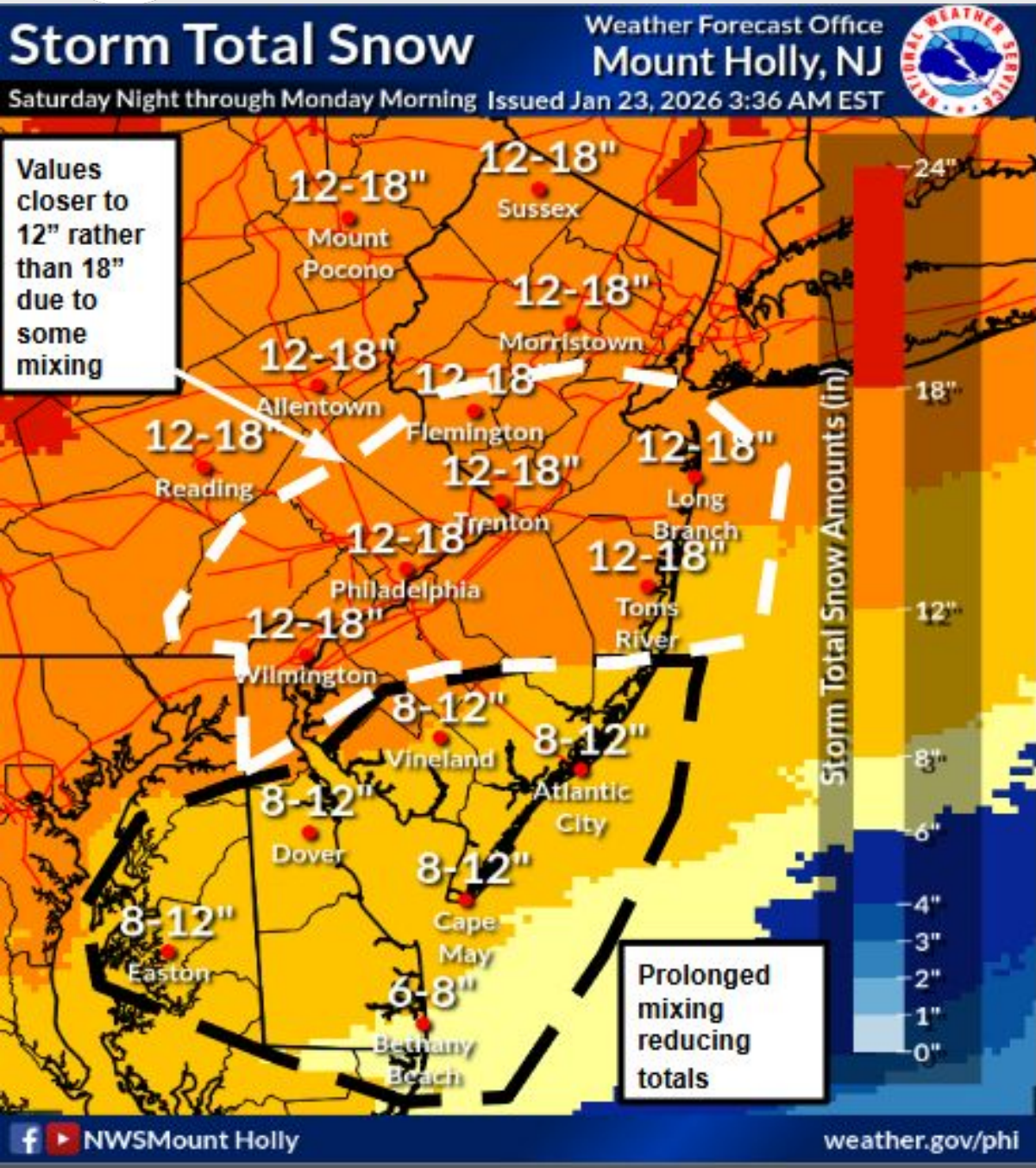




Storm Total Snow Forecast

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Range and Point Forecasts



Key Messages

- Widespread snowfall amounts ranging from 8-18" likely.
- Lower snowfall amounts will occur farther south and closer to the coast, where more of a wintry mix is likely.
- Highest amounts further north



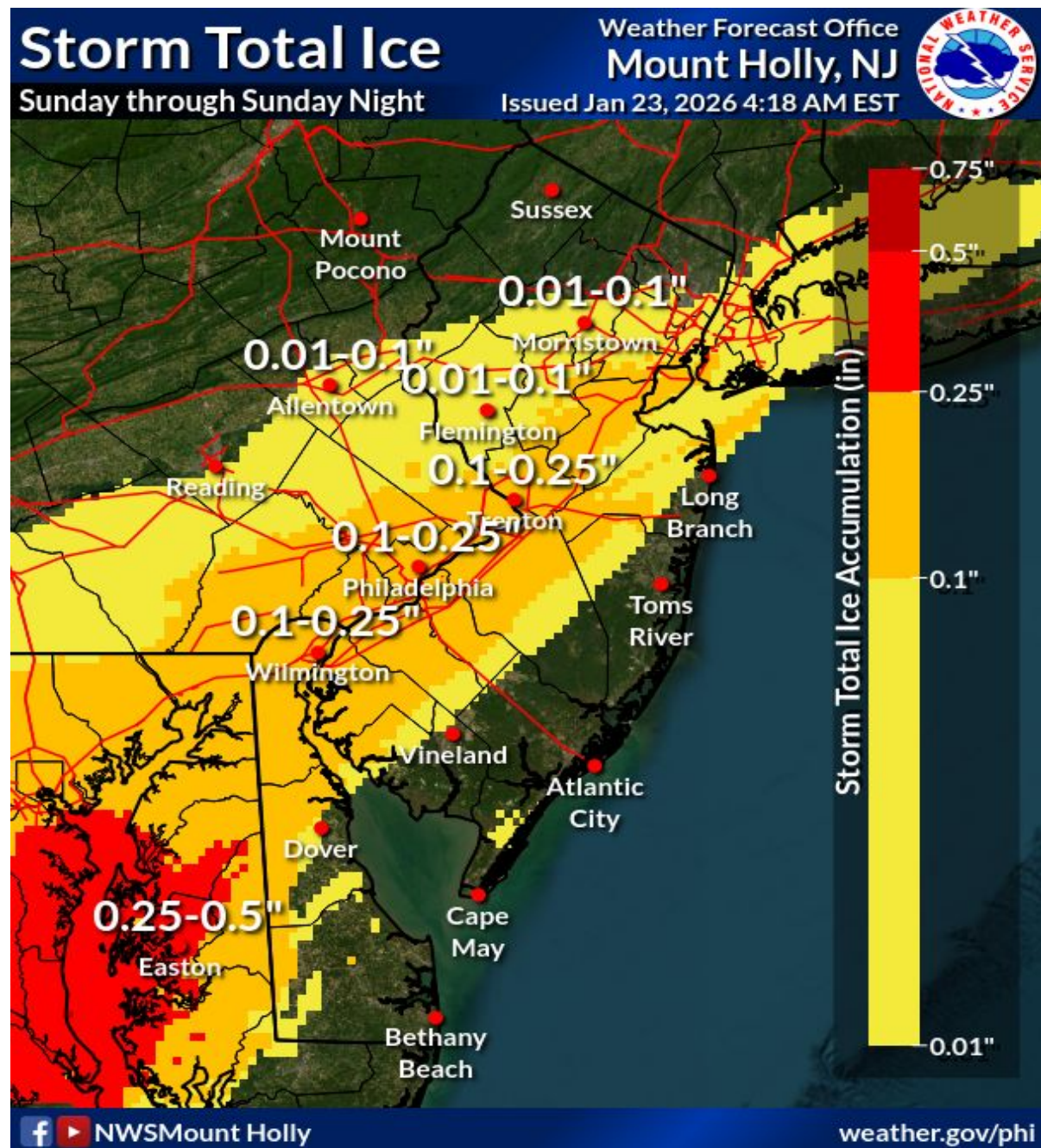


Storm Total Ice Forecast

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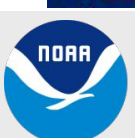
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Sunday through Sunday Night



Key Messages

- The threat has *increased* for potentially significant ice accumulations across the I-95 corridor, Eastern Shore of Maryland, and central/northern Delaware.
- The combination of heavy snow followed by sleet/freezing rain could result in downed trees and power outages



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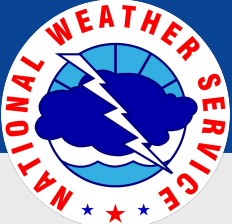


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Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

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- **A prolonged period of well below normal temperatures is expected to continue through next week, with wind chills in the single digits to below zero each night.**

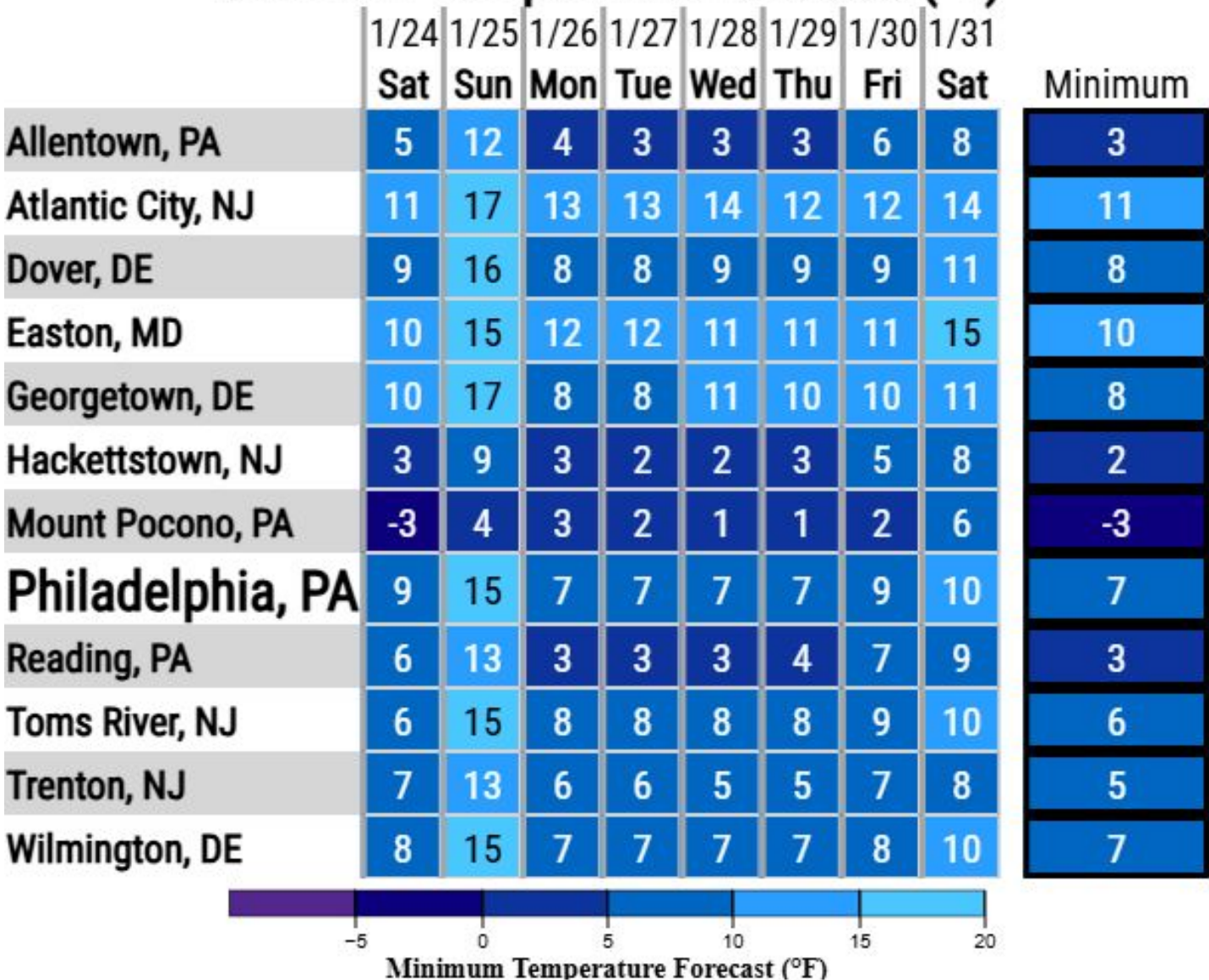


Dangerous Stretch of Cold

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Tonight through Next Week

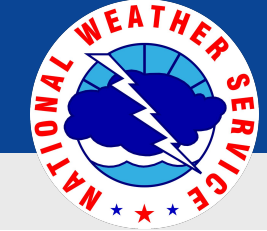
Minimum Temperature Forecast (°F)



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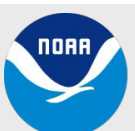


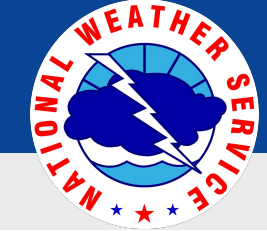
Summary of Greatest Impacts

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- A significant winter storm is expected to impact all of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland Saturday night through early Monday afternoon. A **Winter Storm Watch** remains in effect for the entire region.
- There is increasing confidence in **major** snowfall accumulations across much of the area, making travel very difficult, and potentially resulting in widespread closures and infrastructure impacts.
- Precipitation will likely mix with or change to sleet and freezing rain across for much of the I-95 corridor southward into much of Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. There is increasing confidence in ice accumulations that could result in damage to trees and powerlines, and further complicate travel.
- In addition to the potential major winter storm, dangerous cold is expected beginning tonight and continuing through next week. An **Extreme Cold Warning** is in effect tonight through Saturday morning for Carbon and Monroe Counties in PA, and a **Cold Weather Advisory** is in effect for the remainder of the area. Wind chills in the single digits or below zero are expected for **several** consecutive nights. Prolonged exposure to dangerous wind chills could result in hypothermia or frostbite if precautions are not taken. Impacts to infrastructure cannot be ruled out due to increased heating demand.





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