



February 22-23 Winter Storm - Briefing #6

February 22, 2026
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For Delaware, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland

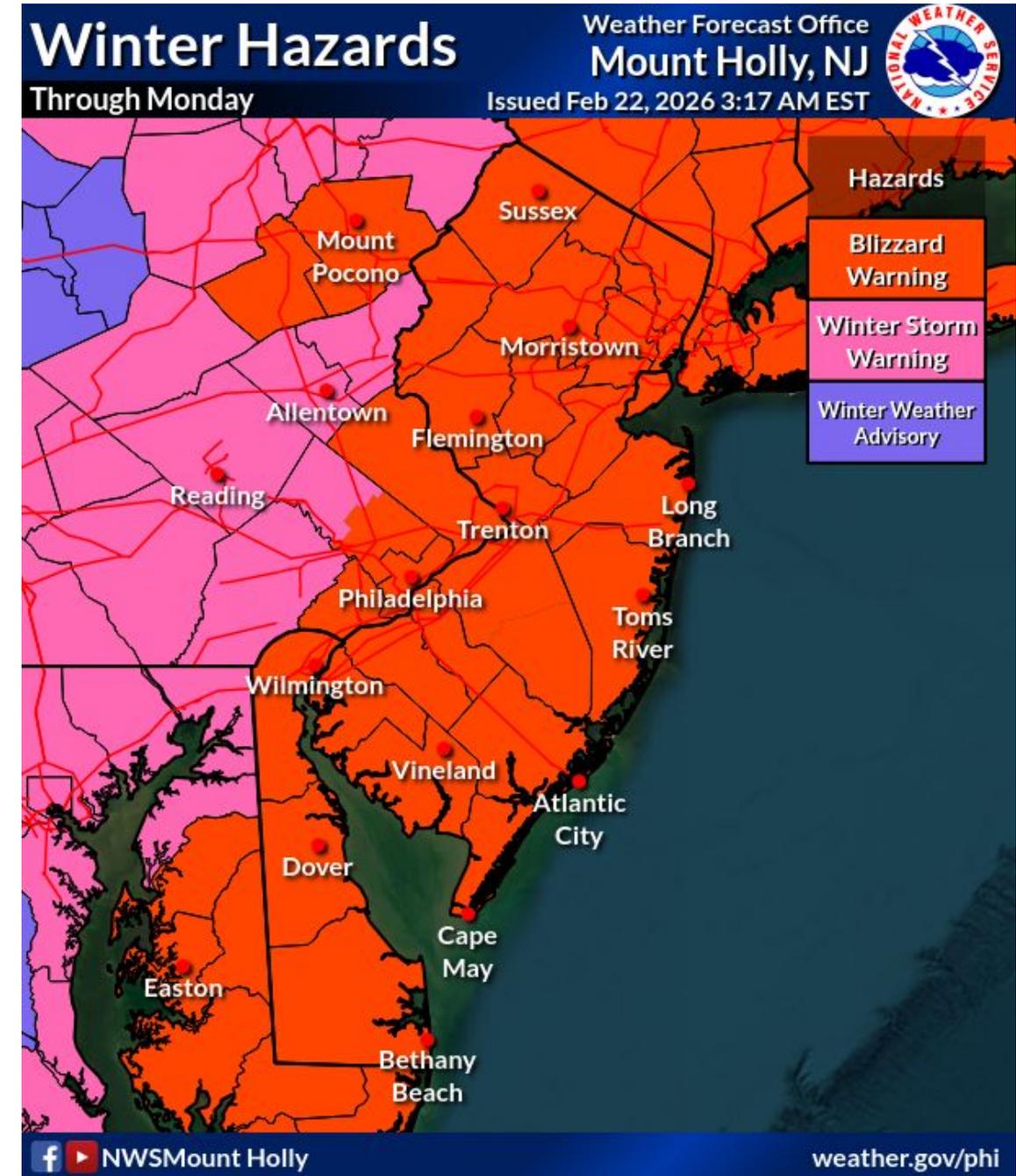
Decision Support Briefing #6

→ As of 6:00 AM Sunday, February 22, 2026

NEW Important Updates

Confidence remains high that a **potentially historic winter storm** will impact the area through Monday. Significant snow, strong winds, and coastal flooding may result in **life-threatening travel and crippling impacts to infrastructure that last beyond Monday.**

- **Blizzard Warnings** were expanded to include all of NJ, Philadelphia Metro & Suburbs, all of DE, and Carbon/Monroe Counties in PA.
- Snowfall totals have **increased.**
- Coastal Flood Advisory issued for Cumberland County, NJ.
- **Your window to finalize preparations is rapidly closing.**

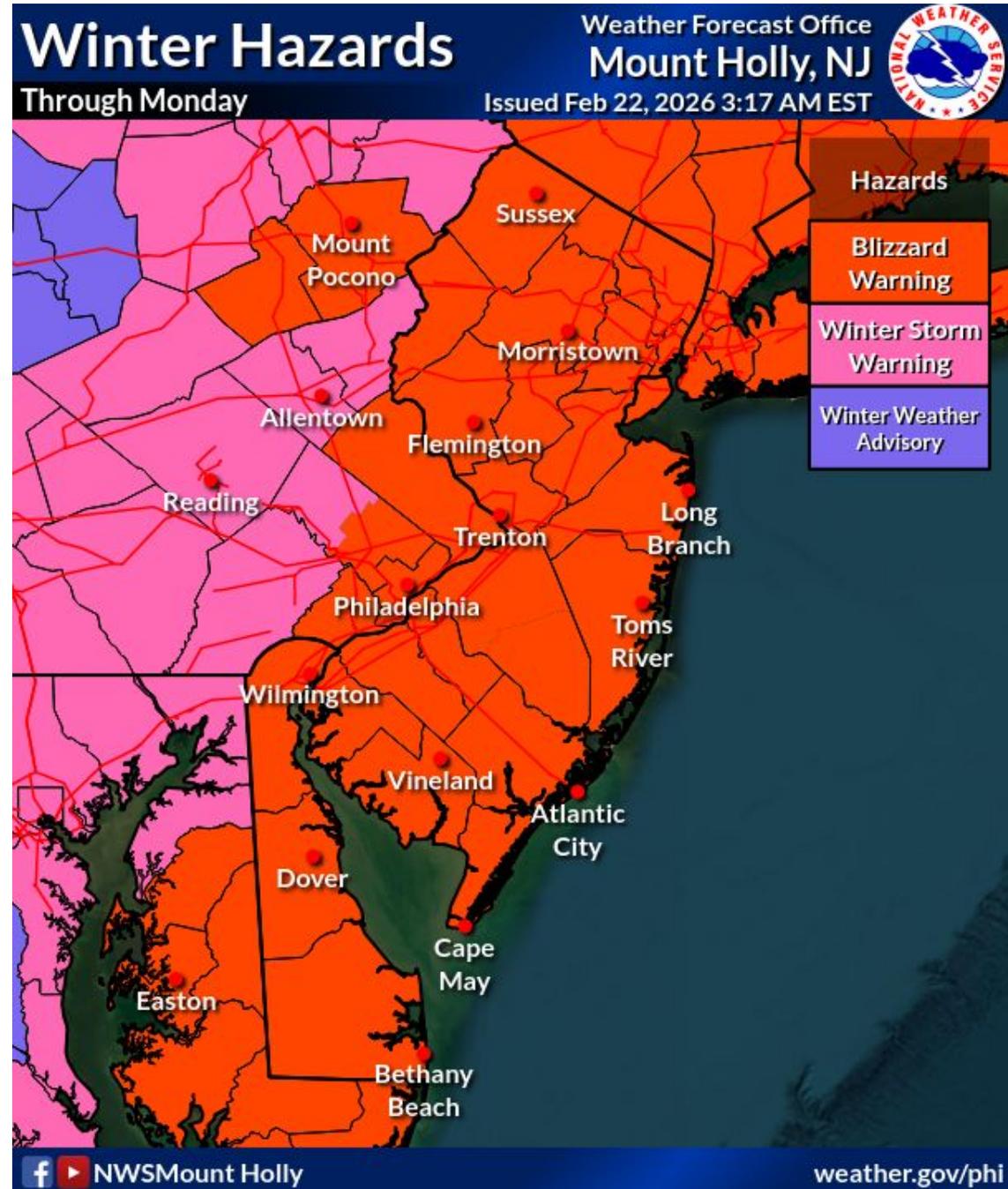




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This Morning through Monday Afternoon



Key Messages

- **Winter Storm Warnings** have been upgraded to **Blizzard Warnings** for the following areas:
 - In New Jersey...Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, and Salem Counties.
 - In Pennsylvania...Carbon, Monroe, Bucks, Lower Montgomery, Philadelphia, and Delaware Counties.
 - In Delaware...New Castle County.
 - In Maryland...Queen Anne's County.
- All other previous **Winter Storm Warnings** and **Blizzard Warnings** remain unchanged.

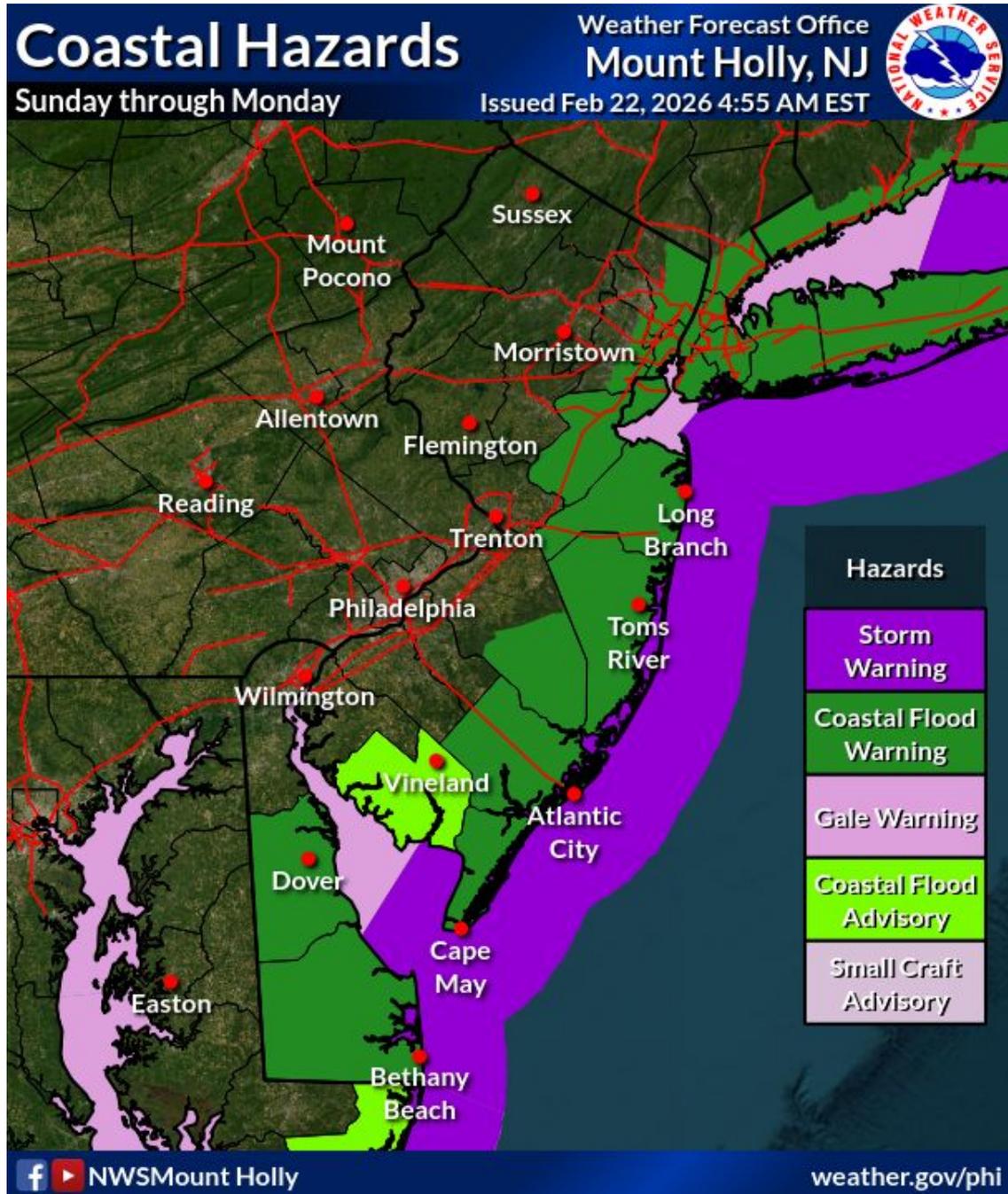




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Key Messages

- **Storm Warnings** remain in effect for all Atlantic Coastal Waters and the lower Delaware Bay.
- The **Gale Warning** remains in effect for the upper Delaware Bay.
- **Coastal Flood Warnings** remains in effect for all of Atlantic coastal New Jersey and Delaware, and Kent County, DE.
- A **Coastal Flood Advisory** has been issued for Cumberland County, NJ





Main Points for Winter Storm

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Blizzard Conditions 	Blizzard conditions will lead to life-threatening or impossible travel conditions. Snowfall rates of 2" or greater are possible. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure likely. Blowing and drifting snow will result in visibilities of ¼ mile or less. Winds gusting up to 60 mph.	Along the I-95 corridor, including all of NJ, all of DE, the Philadelphia Metro/Suburbs, and Carbon/Monroe Counties in PA (Areas covered by a Blizzard Warning)	Snow beginning by midday today through Monday afternoon; heaviest snowfall this evening into Monday morning.
Heavy Snow 	Heavy snowfall may lead to very difficult to impossible travel conditions. Snowfall rates of 2" or greater are possible. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure possible. Blowing and drifting of snow possible. Winds gusting up to 40 mph.	Lehigh Valley, portions of southeast PA, and Kent County MD. (Areas covered by a Winter Storm Warning)	Snow beginning by midday today through Monday afternoon; heaviest snowfall this evening into Monday morning.
Coastal Flooding 	Moderate coastal flooding is expected with tonight's high tide. Spotty major coastal flooding possible. Widespread minor to near moderate coastal flooding likely with the Monday afternoon high tide.	Along the Atlantic coastal communities of New Jersey and Delaware and associated back bays.	Peak tidal flooding will occur tonight into Monday morning. Further minor flooding may linger into Monday night.

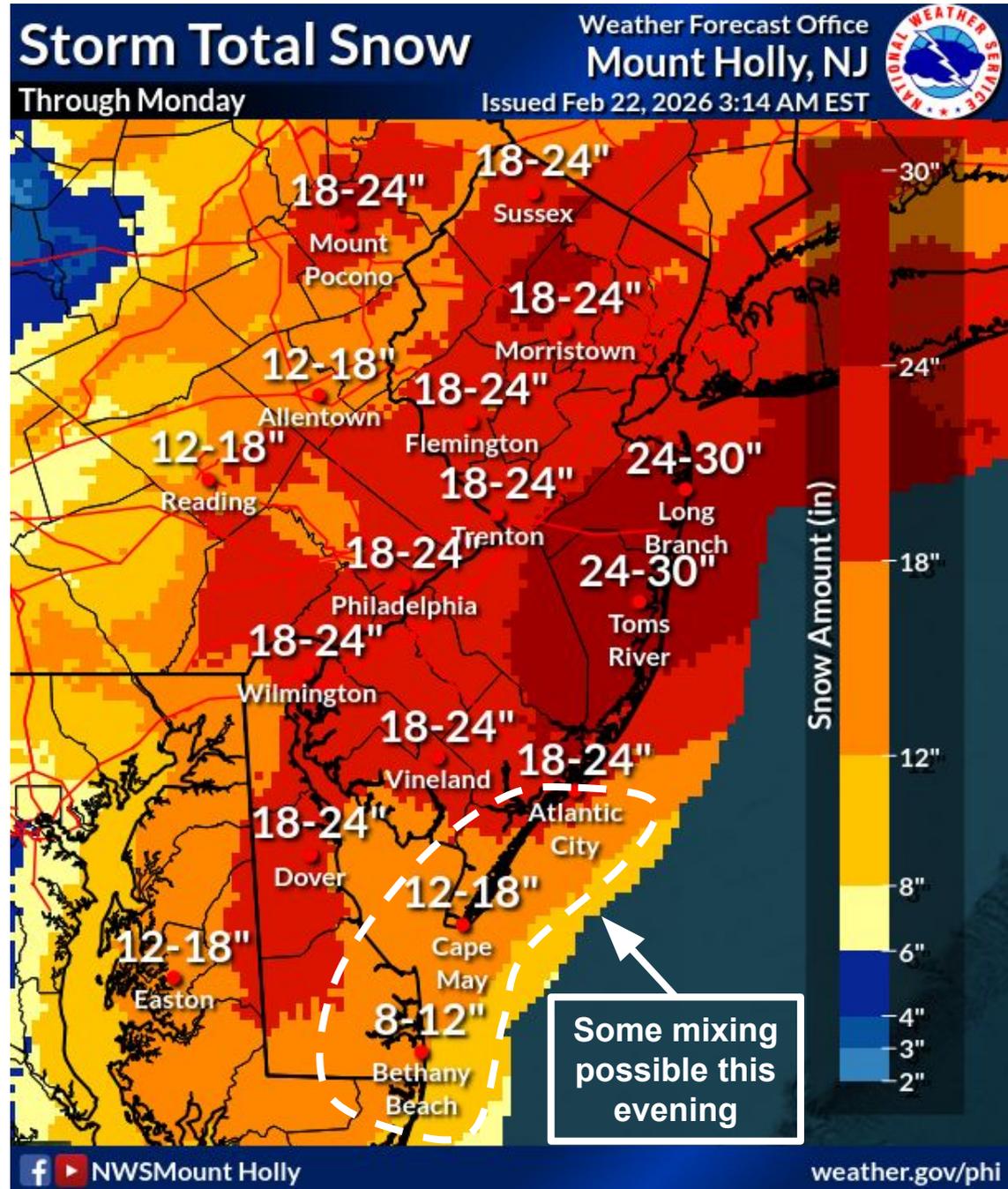




Expected Snow Accumulations

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This Morning through Monday Afternoon



Key Messages

- Precipitation is expected to begin this morning, continuing into tonight and Monday morning. Precipitation winds down by Monday afternoon.
- Precipitation beginning as rain or rain/snow mix near and south of I-78. There will likely be at least some rain at precipitation onset near and southeast of I-95.
- **Heaviest snowfall is likely to occur between this evening and Monday morning with snowfall rates reaching 1-2 inches per hour or greater.**
- Heaviest snow accumulations focused across New Jersey and adjacent areas of SE Pennsylvania, northern Delaware, and the Poconos. **Snow will impact the Monday morning commute, and potentially the Monday evening commute.**

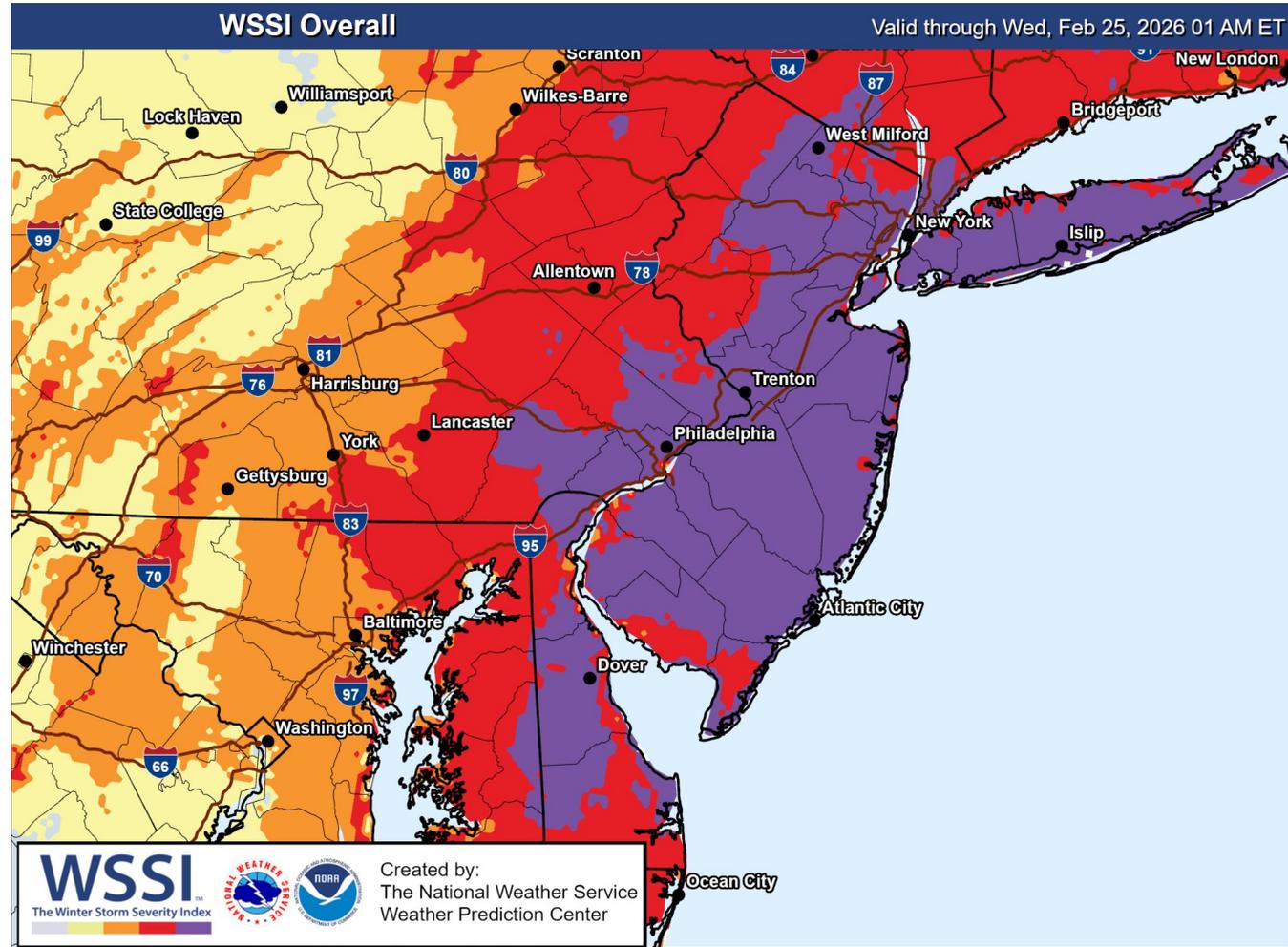




Overall Winter Weather Impacts

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Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI) - Today, Sunday, February 22 through Monday, February 23



Key Messages

- Widespread major to extreme impacts are likely with this storm.
- Extensive, crippling impacts are possible and may linger past Monday.
- Snow covered roads and gusty winds will yield to reduced visibility, which will cause life-threatening travel.

Potential Winter Storm Impacts		Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)		Issued: Sun, Feb 22, 2026 05 AM ET	
Winter Weather Area Expect winter weather. • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully.	Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life. • Winter driving conditions. Use Caution while driving.	Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life. • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life. Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible. Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.	Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life. Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised. Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. Life-saving actions may be needed.	





Snow Onset Timing

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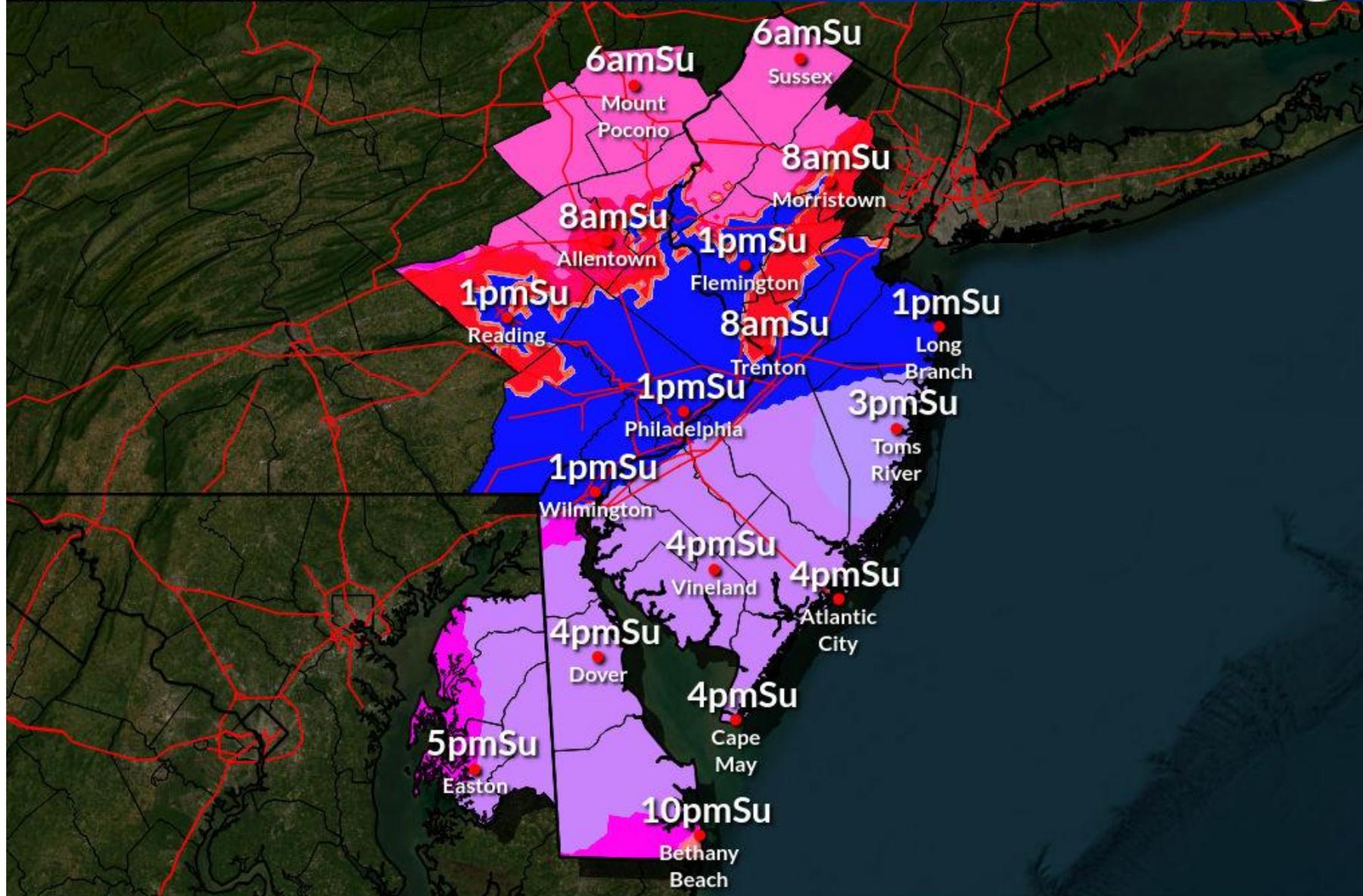
Today, Sunday, February 22nd

Winter Precipitation Onset Time

Valid 1 AM Sun Feb 22, 2026 through 12 AM Mon Feb 23, 2026 EST

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Key Messages

- Snow is expected to begin Sunday morning for areas along the I-78 corridor and north.
- Precipitation could begin as rain near and south of I-78 before changing over to all snow during the afternoon.
- **Finalize all preparations well before snowfall is expected to begin.**
- Timing of snowfall onset may vary.



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Hourly Snowfall Rates

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This Evening through Monday Morning

Chance of Hourly Snowfall Rates Greater Than 1"

Sunday Morning, Feb 22 - Monday Morning, Feb 23

	Sun 2/22				Mon 2/23				
	7am	10am	1pm	4pm	7pm	10pm	1am	4am	7am
Allentown	0%	0%	0%	3%	20%	65%	65%	60%	30%
Atlantic City	0%	0%	0%	10%	25%	40%	80%	90%	80%
Georgetown	0%	0%	0%	10%	55%	60%	80%	60%	25%
Mount Pocono	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	60%	65%	45%
Philadelphia	0%	0%	3%	10%	40%	85%	90%	80%	60%
Reading	0%	0%	0%	0%	15%	45%	50%	40%	20%
Trenton	0%	0%	0%	10%	40%	90%	90%	90%	75%
Wilmington	0%	0%	0%	10%	25%	75%	80%	65%	40%

Percent Chance (%)

Snowfall rates expected to be heaviest this evening - Monday morning.

Key Messages

- Snowfall rates expected to **exceed 1-2 inches per hour** during the peak of the storm this evening through Monday morning.
- **Whiteout conditions expected. Travel will be treacherous and life-threatening.**
- Light/moderate snow will still cause hazardous driving conditions outside this time window.

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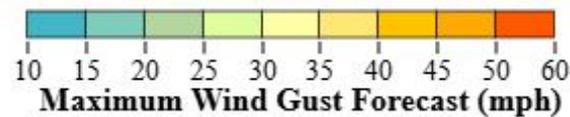
Maximum Wind Gusts

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This Morning through Tuesday Morning

Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	2/22 Sun				2/23 Mon				2/24 Tue					Gust Max				
	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am		3am	6am	9am	12pm
Allentown, PA	21↙	22↙	22↘	28↘	31↓	33↓	35↓	35↓	33↓	31↘	28↘	23↘	21↘	20↘	18↘	20↘	20↘	35 ↓
Atlantic City, NJ	33↙	39↙	47↘	55↘	56↘	56↘	53↘	47↘	40↘	32↘	30↘	30↘	28↘	28↘	25↘	24↘	23↘	56 ↓
Dover, DE	25↙	28↙	36↓	41↓	43↓	43↓	40↘	38↘	36↘	30↘	29↘	25↘	24↘	24↘	21↘	21↘	22↘	43 ↓
Easton, MD	22↙	24↘	31↓	39↘	40↓	40↘	38↘	38↘	36↘	31↘	26↘	29↘	28↘	28↘	23↘	21↘	20↘	40 ↓
Georgetown, DE	30↙	33↙	39↓	45↓	45↓	46↘	46↘	43↘	37↘	32↘	28↘	24↘	24↘	23↘	22↘	23↘	23↘	46 ↓
Hackettstown, NJ	22↙	23↙	24↘	33↘	40↓	41↓	41↓	41↓	36↓	32↓	30↓	29↓	24↓	24↓	22↓	20↓	20↓	41 ↓
Mount Pocono, PA	21↙	23↙	25↘	31↘	39↓	46↓	48↓	47↓	44↓	43↓	43↓	40↓	37↓	37↓	36↓	32↓	28↓	48 ↓
Philadelphia, PA	23↙	26↙	30↘	37↓	44↓	46↓	46↓	43↓	35↓	28↓	25↓	24↓	21↓	20↓	17↓	20↓	20↓	46 ↓
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Wilmington, DE	22↙	26↙	30↘	37↓	39↓	40↓	40↓	38↓	33↓	30↓	28↓	24↓	22↓	21↓	20↓	21↓	21↓	40 ↓



Key Messages

- Winds increase today and persist through Monday, before diminishing into Monday night
- The strongest of winds are expected to occur tonight into Monday morning.
- Location of the strongest winds will be along the coast, where gusts up to 60 mph are possible.
- Wind gusts up to 45 mph are possible inland.
- Gusty winds may lead to power outages and some localized tree damage.
- Blowing and drifting snow possible through Monday afternoon and evening, even after snowfall ends.

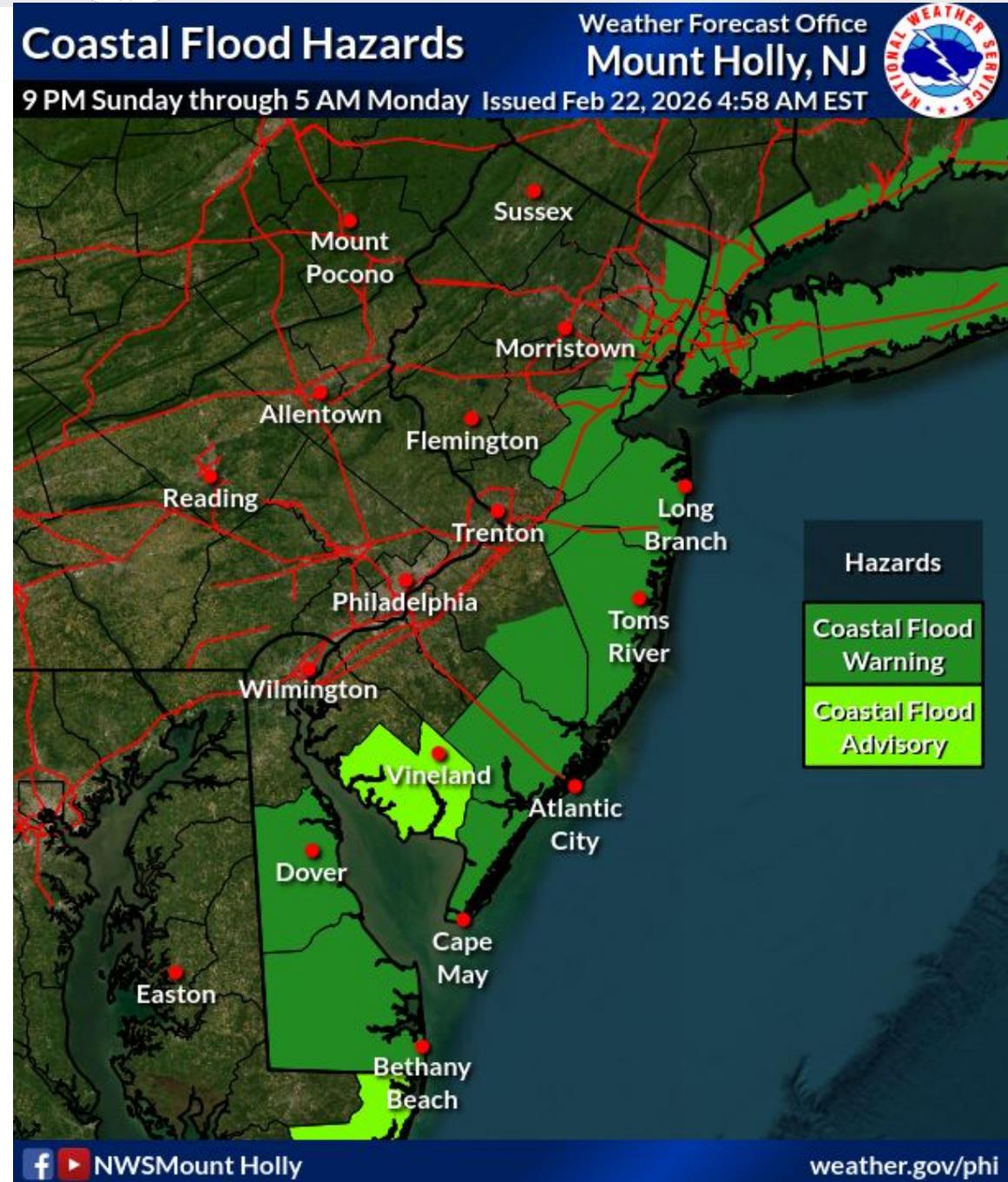




Coastal Flood Watches, Warnings & Advisories

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Key Messages

- **Coastal Flood Warnings** remain in place for Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, southeast Burlington, Atlantic, and Cape May Counties in NJ; and for Kent and Sussex Counties in DE. A **Coastal Flood Advisory** is now in effect for Cumberland County, NJ.
- One to two feet of inundation above ground level is possible in low-lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways.
- With **Moderate** coastal flooding, widespread roadway flooding occurs in coastal and bayside communities and along inland tidal waterways. Many roads become impassable and some damage to vulnerable structures may begin to occur. With any **Major** flooding, flooding may become severe enough to cause more significant structural damage and some locations may become isolated by the flood waters.
- Widespread minor to near moderate coastal flooding will likely recur for areas within the **Coastal Flood Warning** with the Monday afternoon high tide. Tidal flooding may also occur with the Monday night high tide.





Coastal Flood Threat

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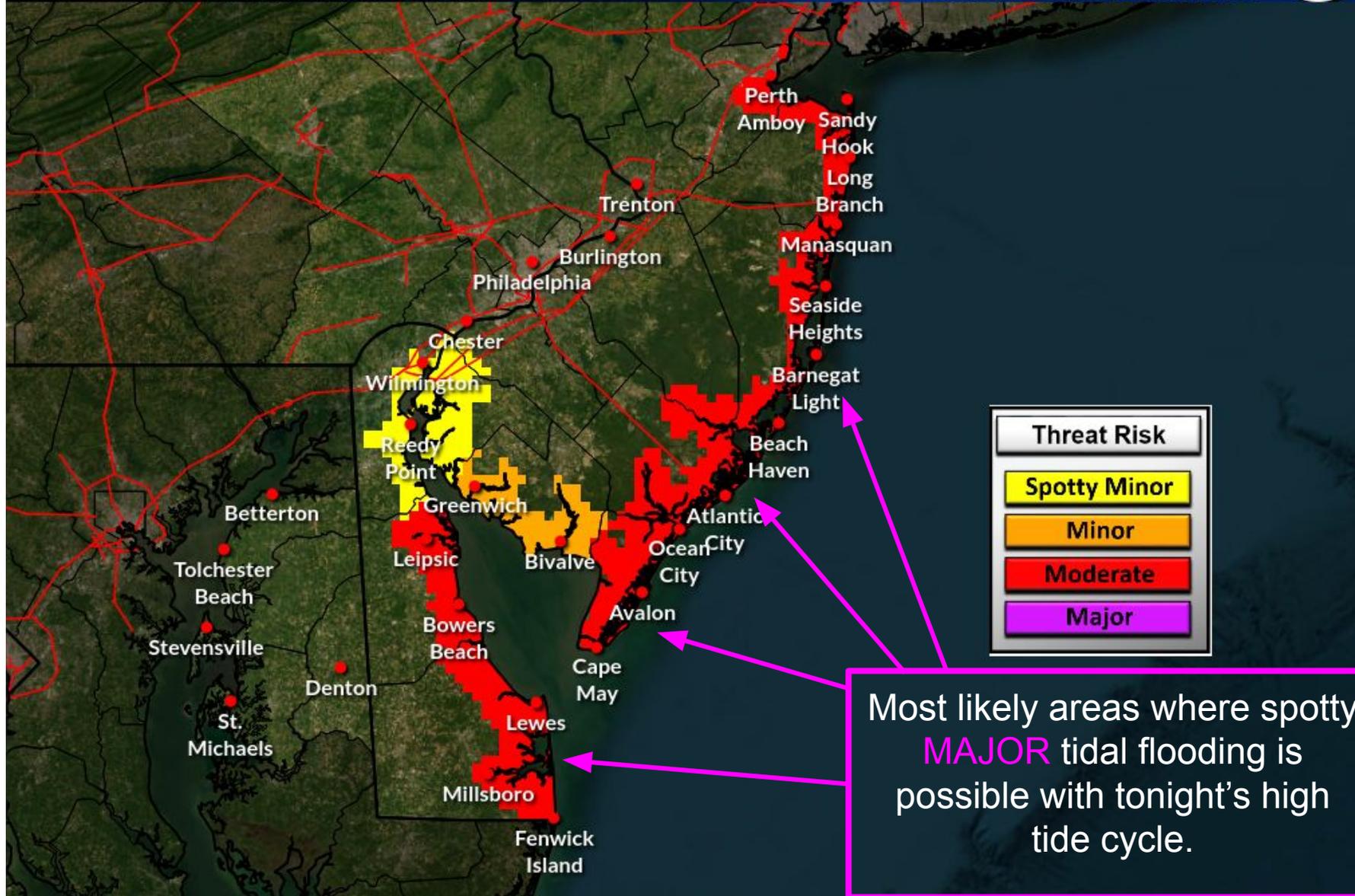
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Coastal Flood Threat

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Summary of Greatest Impacts

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Key Messages

- A **potentially historic winter storm** is forecast to impact all of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland through Monday with **widespread major to extreme impacts**.
- Widespread very heavy snowfall is forecast. Blizzard conditions are forecast for many locations. Blowing and drifting snow is likely everywhere. **Crippling disruptions to travel and infrastructure are likely**.
- Precipitation will likely begin as a period of light rain for most areas, before changing over to snow by late this morning into the afternoon from north to south. For areas north of I-78, precipitation will likely remain all snow. **Heaviest snowfall rates are expected this evening through Monday morning**.
- Strong winds and coastal flooding are also forecast for the Atlantic coast. Coastal Flood Warnings are now in effect for the entire Atlantic coast where widespread Moderate impacts are expected with potentially Major coastal flood impacts possible.





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