



February 22-23 Winter Storm - Briefing #4

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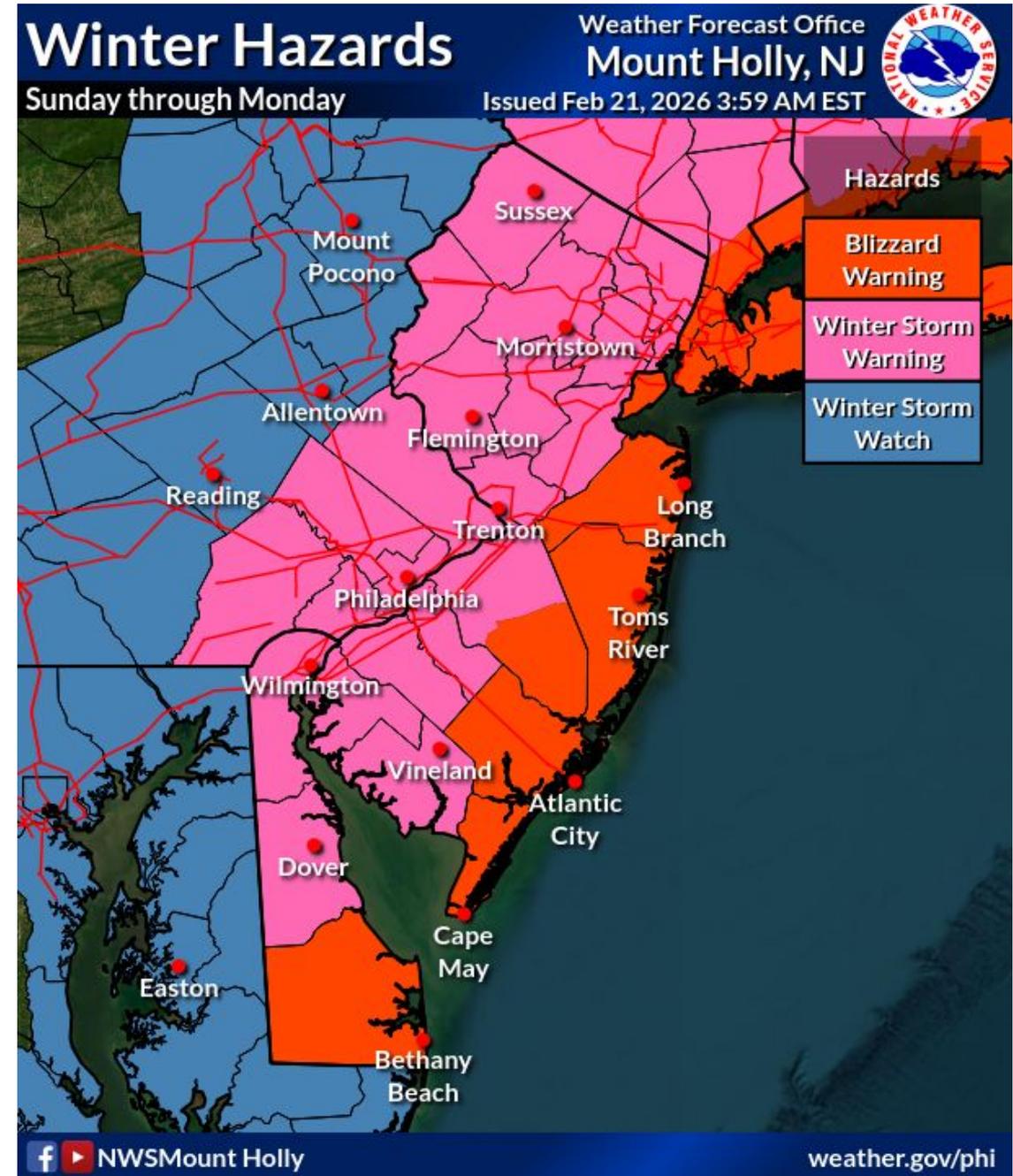
For Delaware, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Shore of Maryland

Decision Support Briefing #4

→ As of 7:00 AM Saturday, February 21, 2026

NEW Important Updates

- **Blizzard Warnings** and **Winter Storm Warnings** issued for portions of the area.
- Upgrade to **Storm Watches** for most marine zones.
- Increasing confidence in a significant winter storm affecting the area Sunday into Monday.
- Significant winter storm impacts including heavy snow, strong winds, and coastal flooding continue to increase.

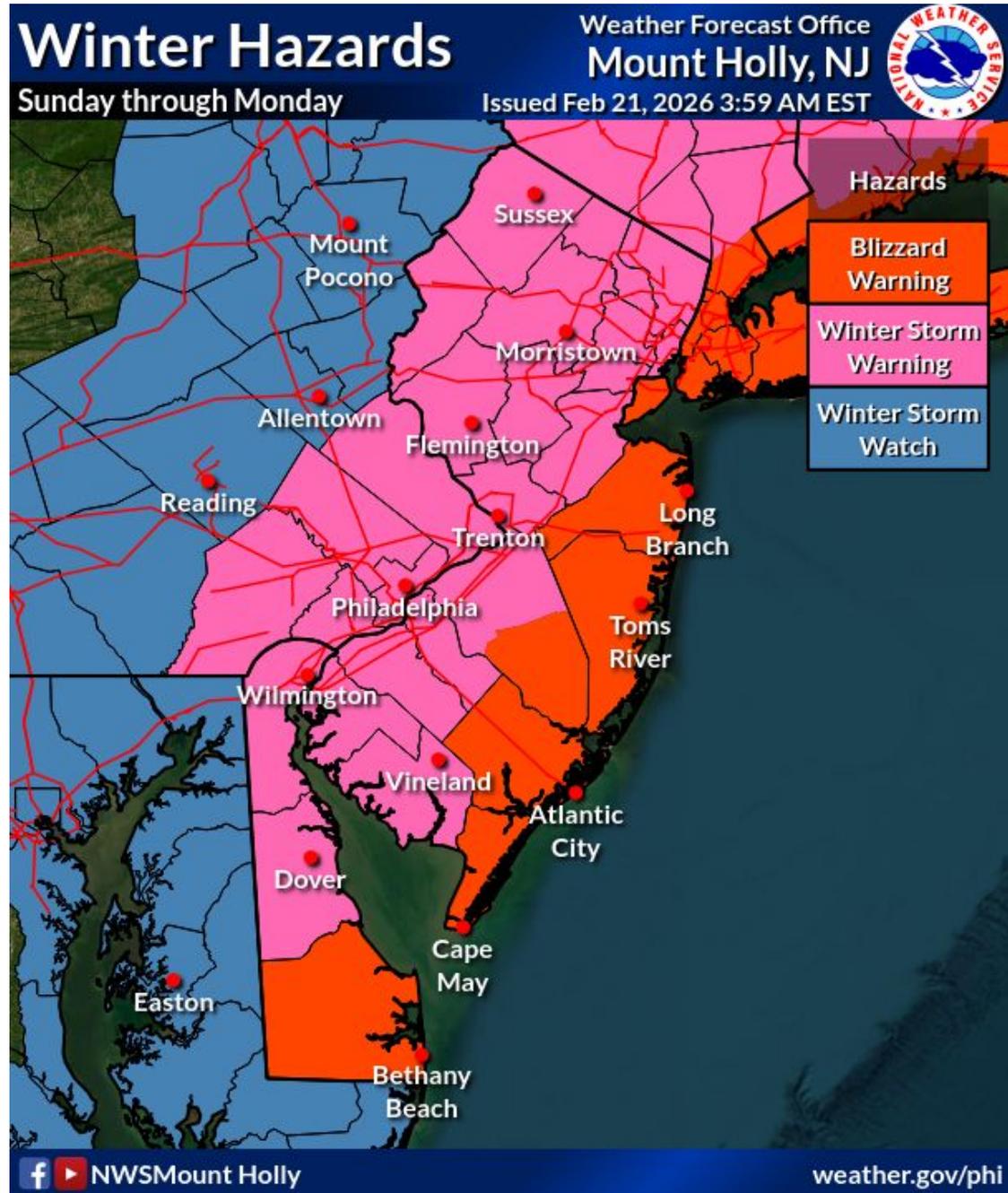




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Key Messages

- The Winter Storm Watch was upgraded to a **Blizzard Warning** for Atlantic coastal NJ and DE.
- The Winter Storm Watch was upgraded to a **Winter Storm Warning** for remaining counties of NJ and DE, and portions of SE PA.
- The **Winter Storm Watch** remains in effect for portions of eastern PA and northeastern MD.

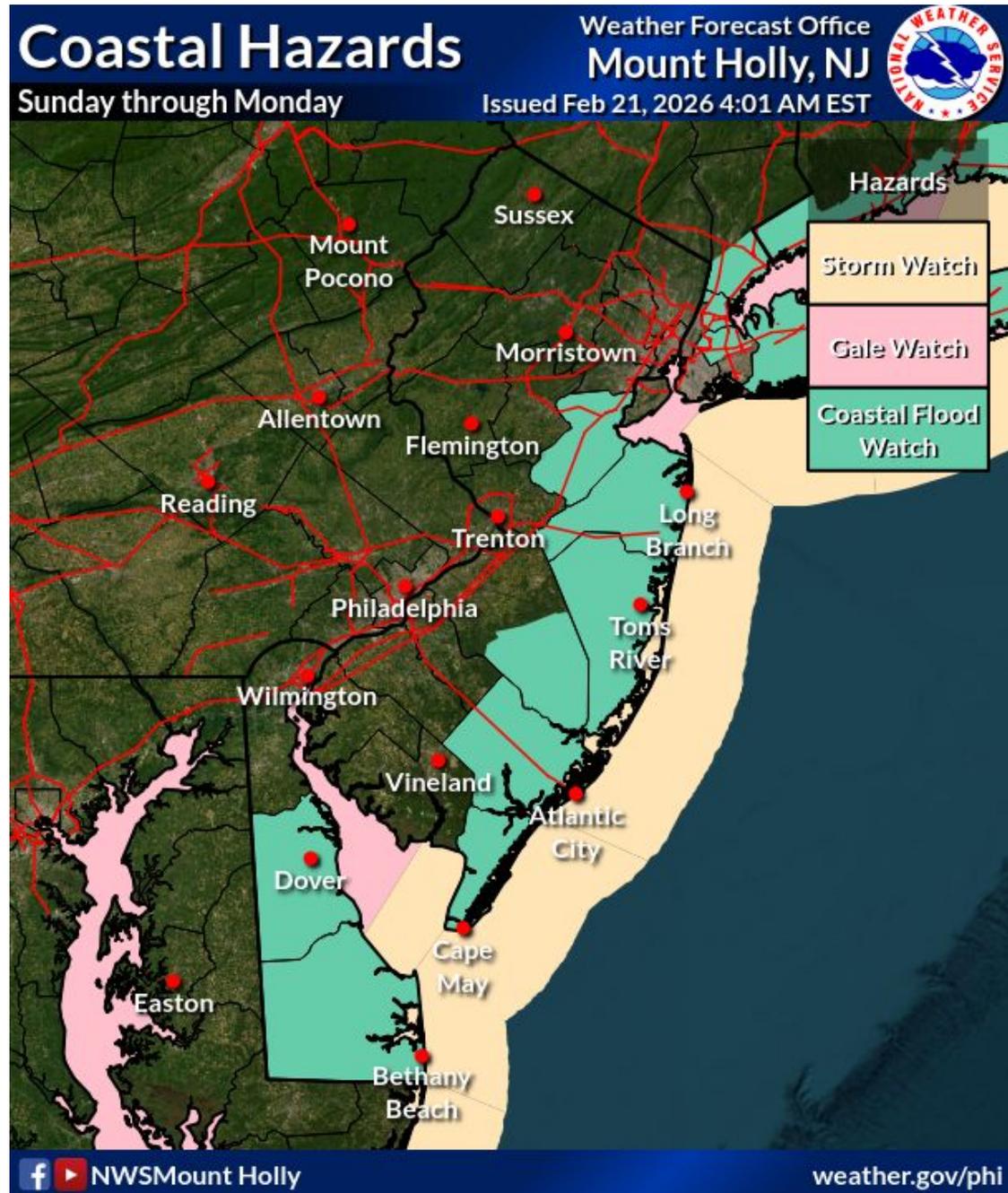




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Key Messages

- The Gale Watch was upgraded to a **Storm Watch** for all Atlantic coastal waters, as well as lower Delaware Bay.
- A **Gale Watch** remains in effect for upper Delaware Bay.
- A **Coastal Flood Watch** remains in effect for all of Atlantic coastal NJ and DE, and Kent County DE.





Main Points for Winter Storm

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Blizzard Conditions 	Blizzard conditions will lead to very difficult to impossible travel conditions. Snowfall rates 2" or greater possible. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure possible. Blowing and drifting snow. Winds gusting up to 55 mph.	Atlantic coastal NJ and DE.	Snow beginning as early as Sunday morning through Monday afternoon; heaviest snowfall Sunday night into Monday morning.
Heavy Snow 	Heavy snowfall may lead to very difficult to impossible travel conditions. Snowfall rates 2" or greater possible. Widespread closures and impacts to infrastructure possible. Blowing and drifting of snow possible. Winds gusting up to 40 mph.	New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, northeastern Maryland, and Delaware.	Snow beginning as early as Sunday morning through Monday afternoon; heaviest snowfall Sunday night into Monday morning.
Coastal Flooding 	Minor to moderate coastal flooding is likely, especially with Sunday night's high tide. Near major coastal flooding possible. Further coastal flooding may linger into Monday.	Along the Atlantic coastal communities of New Jersey and Delaware and associated back bays.	Sunday night into Monday morning.

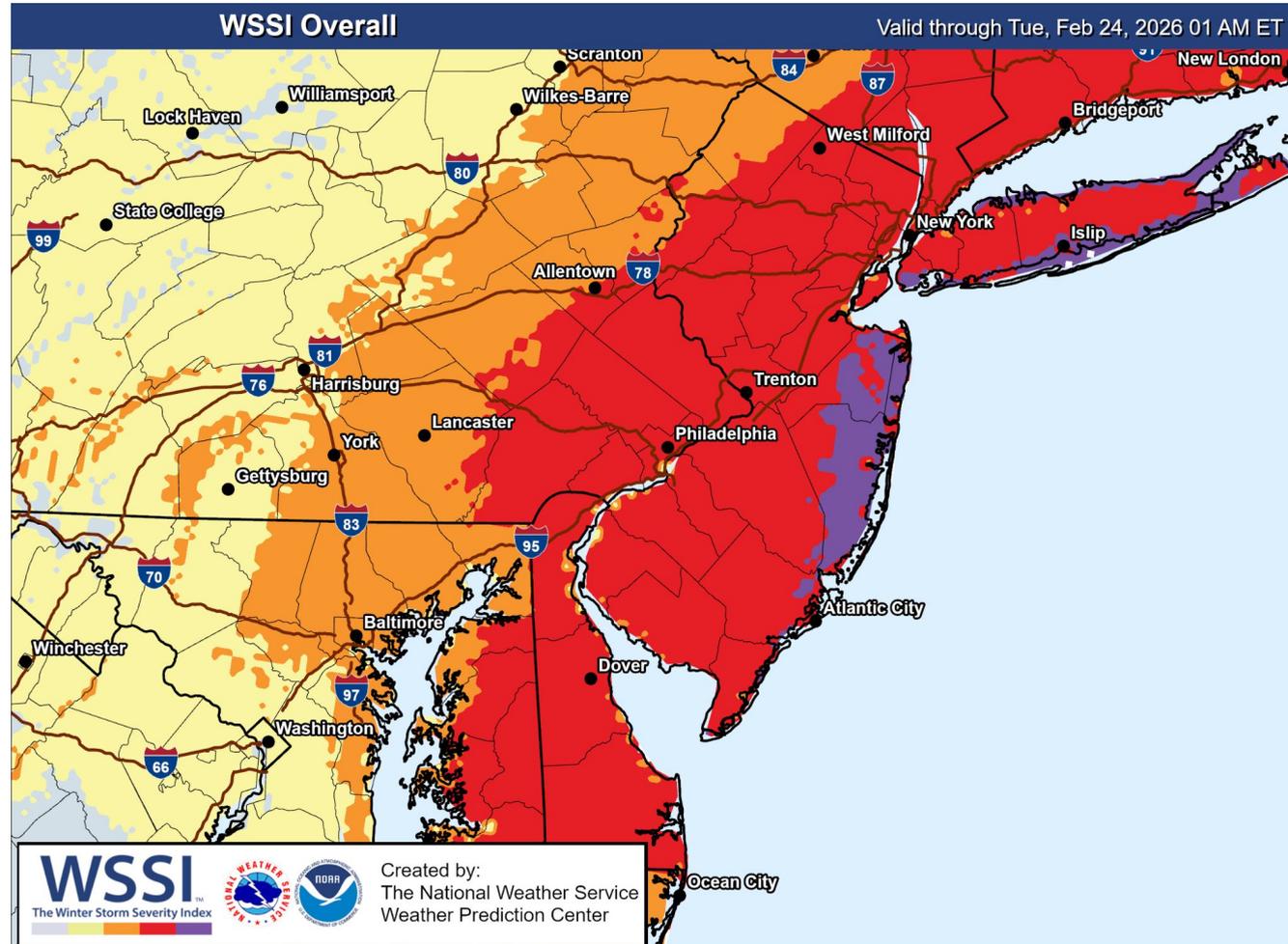




Overall Winter Weather Impacts

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Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI) - Sunday, February 22nd



Key Messages

- Widespread moderate to major impacts are likely with this storm. Potential for extreme impacts along portions of the Atlantic coast due to blizzard conditions.
- Snow covered roads and gusty winds will yield to reduced visibility, which will cause widespread travel disruptions.

Potential Winter Storm Impacts		Winter Storm Severity Index (WSSI)		Issued: Sat, Feb 21, 2026 05 AM ET	
<p>Winter Weather Area Expect winter weather.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter driving conditions. Drive carefully. 	<p>Minor Impacts Expect a few inconveniences to daily life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter driving conditions. Use Caution while driving. 	<p>Moderate Impacts Expect disruptions to daily life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving. • Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur. 	<p>Major Impacts Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.</p> <p>Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible.</p> <p>Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p>	<p>Extreme Impacts Expect substantial disruptions to daily life.</p> <p>Extremely dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Travel is not advised.</p> <p>Extensive and widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.</p> <p>Life-saving actions may be needed.</p>	

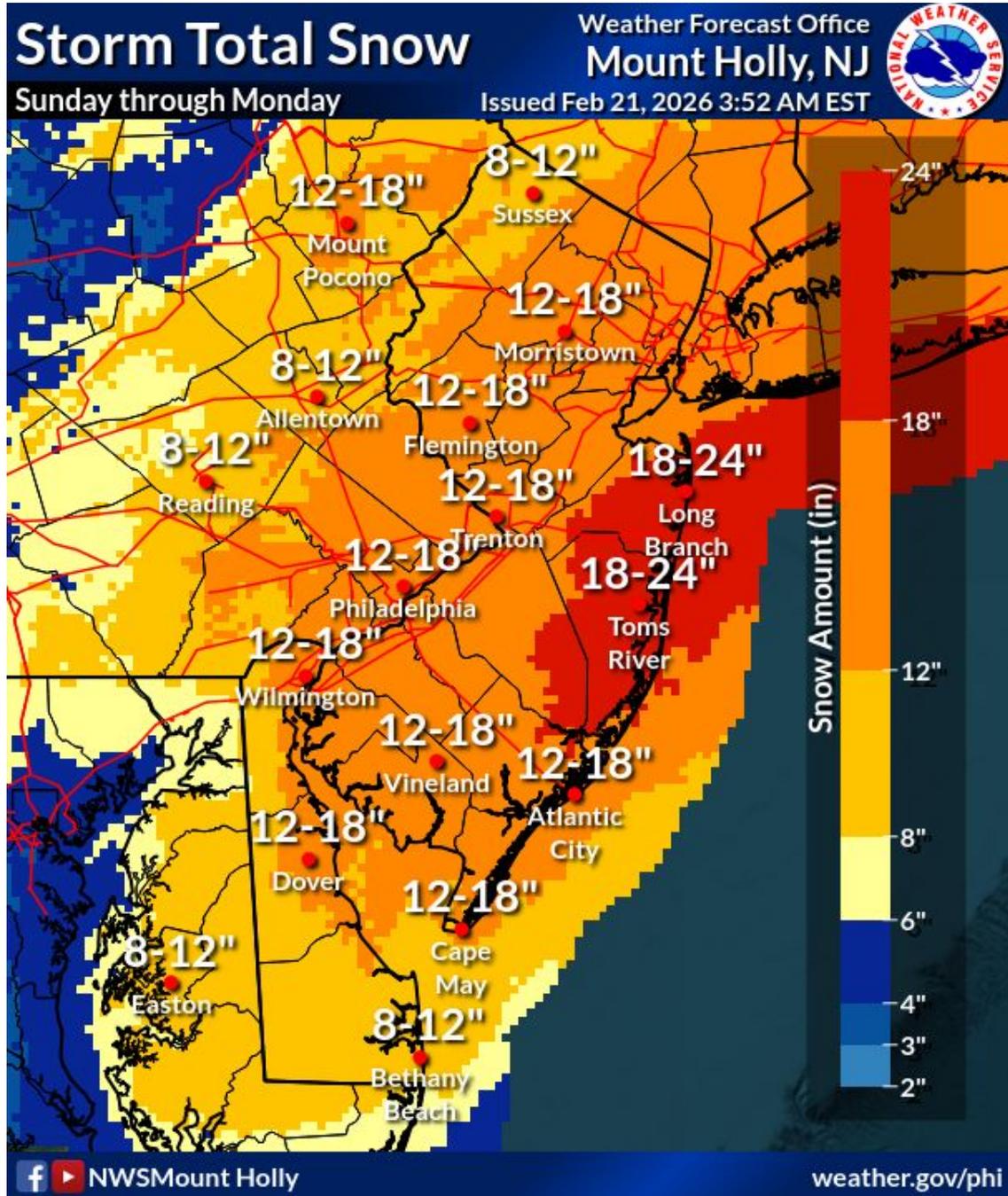




Expected Snow Accumulations

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- Precipitation is expected to begin Sunday morning, continuing into Sunday night and Monday morning. Precipitation diminishing by Monday afternoon.
- Precipitation could begin as rain 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 between Sunday evening and Monday morning.
- Heaviest snow accumulations focused across New Jersey and adjacent areas of SE Pennsylvania and northern Delaware. **Snow will impact the Monday morning commute, and potentially the Monday evening commute.**

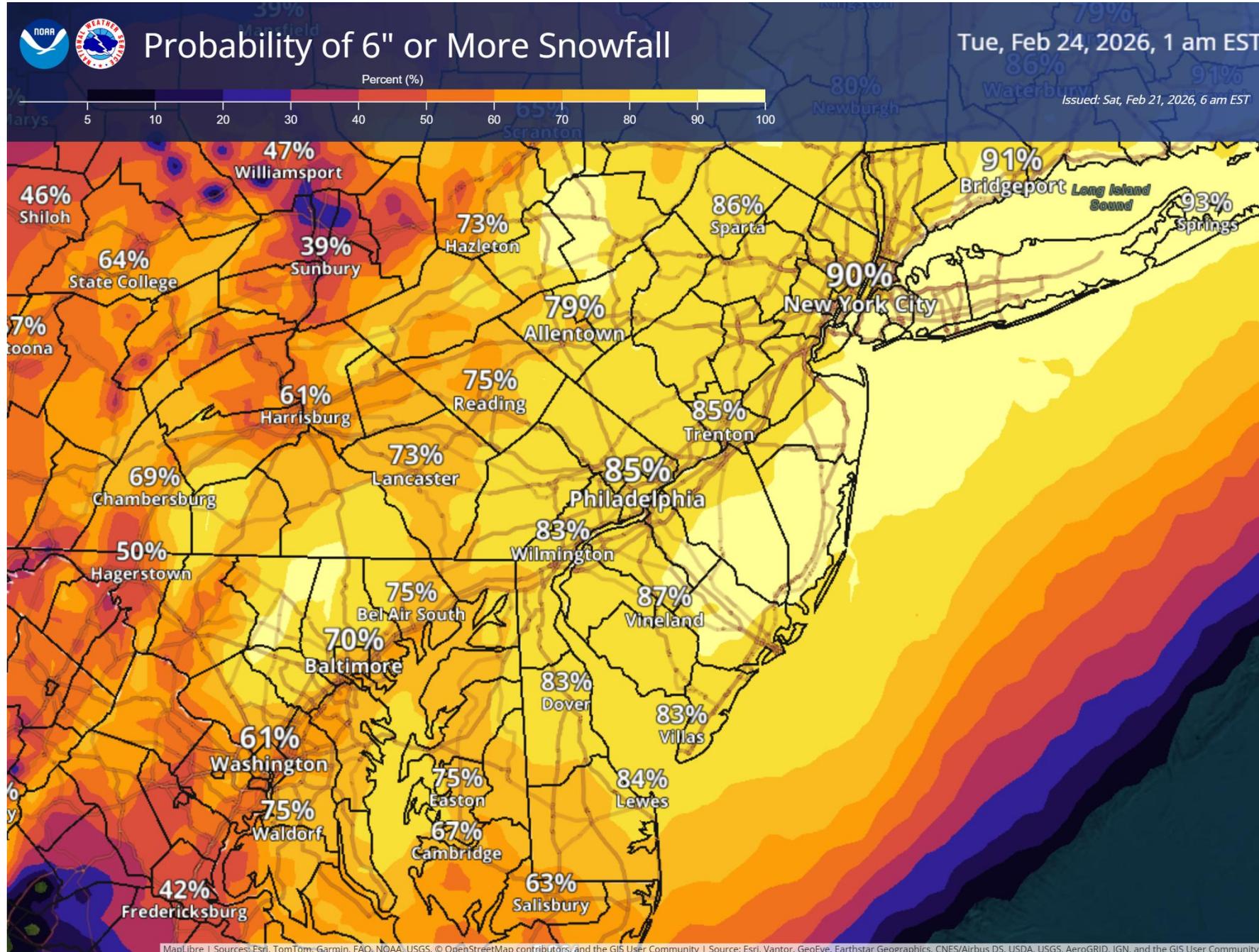




Percent Chance of 6" Snow or More

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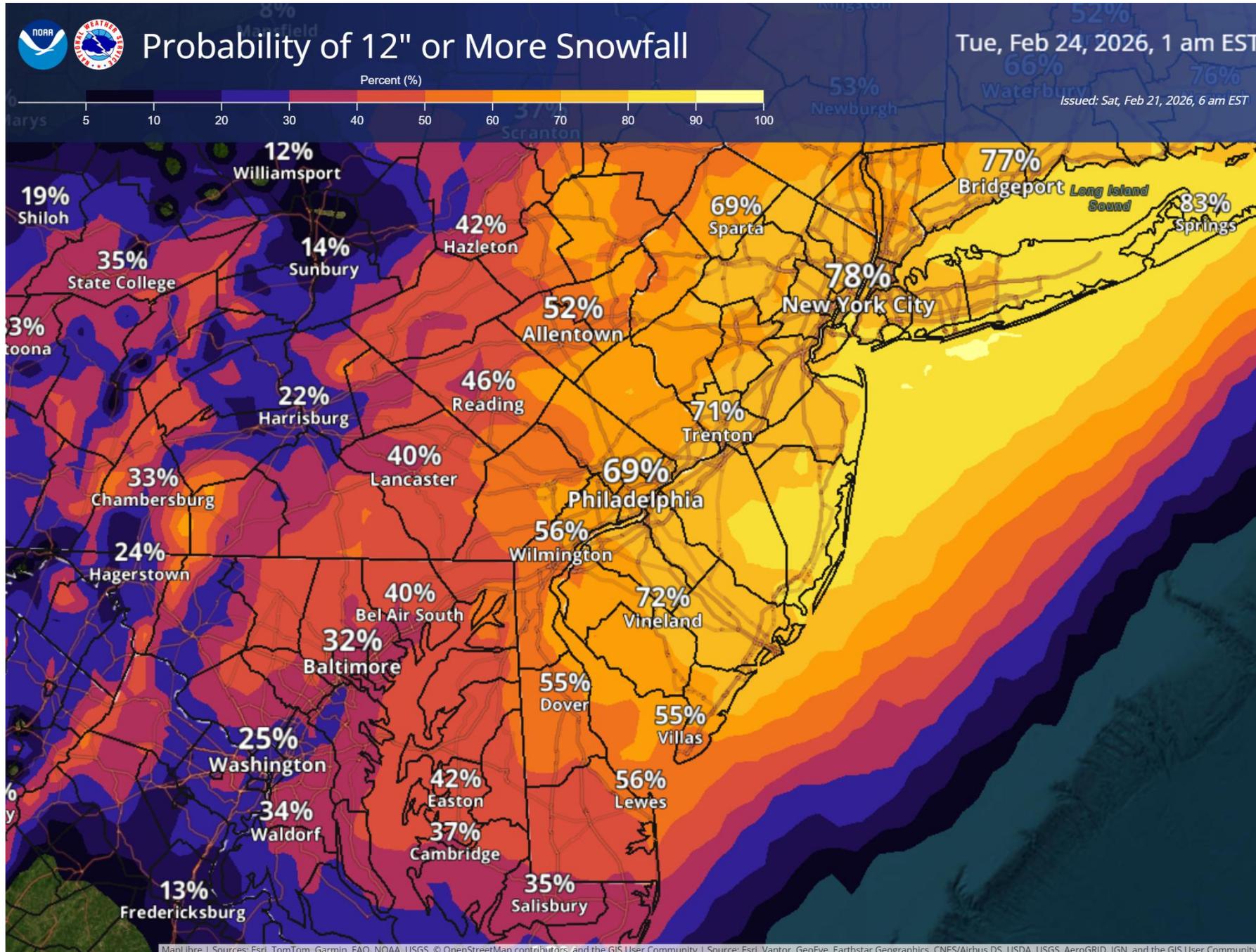




Percent Chance of 12" Snow or More

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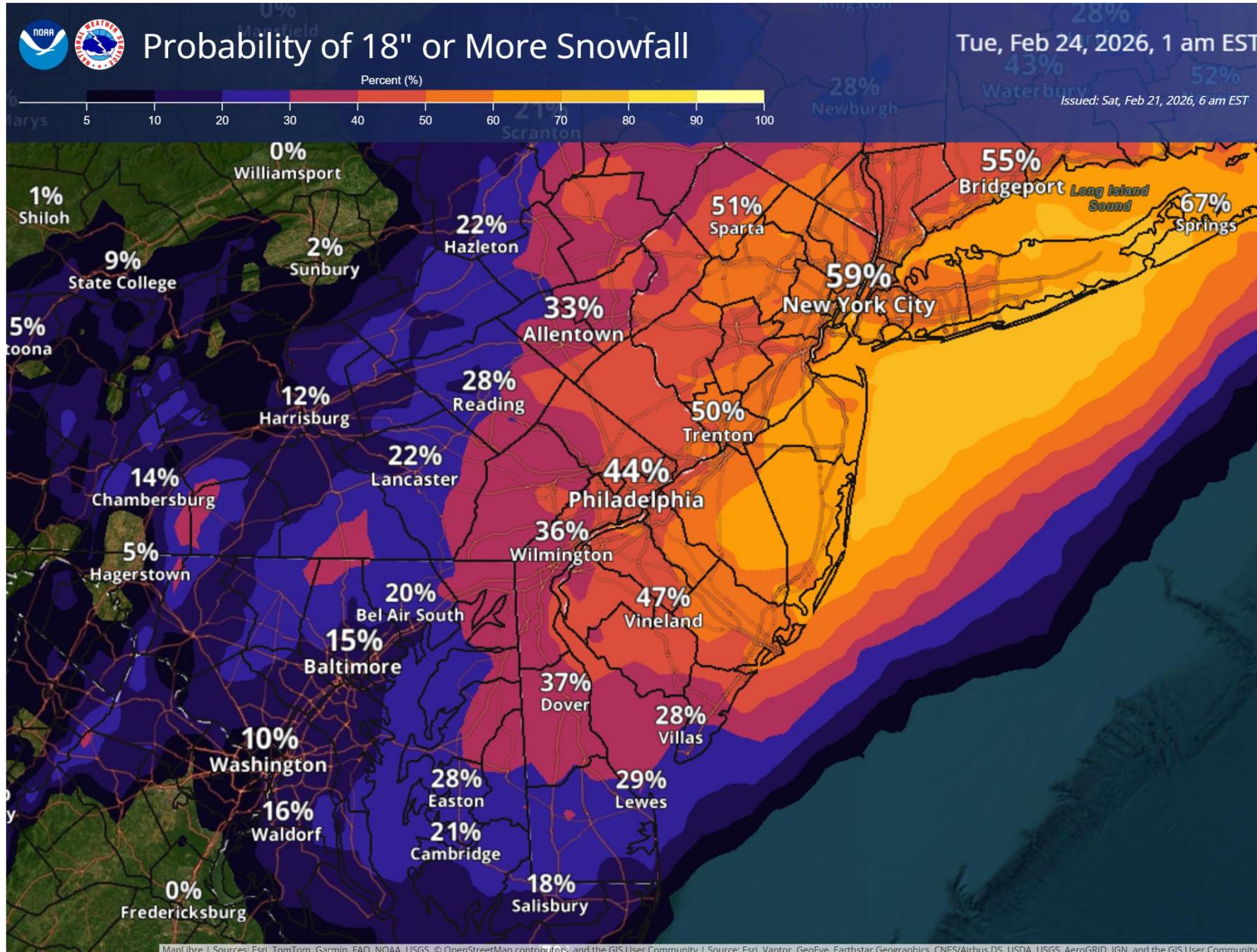




Percent Chance of 18" Snow or More

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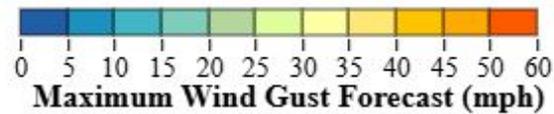
Maximum Wind Gusts

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Maximum Wind Gust (mph) Forecast

	2/22 Sun				2/23 Mon				2/24 Tue				Gust Max
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	
Allentown, PA	5↙	17↙	23↙	23↘	30↓	33↓	31↘	25↘	20↘	21↘	21↘	10↘	33 ↓
Atlantic City, NJ	8↙	26↙	39↘	48↘	53↓	51↓	39↘	29↘	28↘	28↘	25↘	15↘	53 ↓
Dover, DE	7↙	20↙	30↘	37↓	39↓	38↘	35↘	25↘	23↘	25↘	24↘	10↘	39 ↓
Easton, MD	6↙	17↙	25↘	36↓	37↓	37↘	33↘	25↘	25↘	25↘	24↘	9↘	37 ↓
Georgetown, DE	7↙	23↙	35↘	41↓	44↓	41↓	37↘	25↘	22↘	24↘	25↘	9↘	44 ↓
Hackettstown, NJ	7↙	20↙	23↙	31↘	38↓	39↓	33↓	28↘	23↘	22↘	22↘	9↘	39 ↓
Mount Pocono, PA	10↙	23↙	24↙	32↘	40↓	45↓	43↓	40↓	35↘	31↘	28↘	15↘	45 ↓
Philadelphia, PA	3↙	18↙	28↘	33↘	37↘	37↘	30↘	23↘	18↘	23↘	23↘	10↘	37 ↓
Reading, PA	3↙	17↙	24↙	26↘	33↘	36↘	33↘	26↘	22↘	23↘	23↘	12↘	36 ↓
Toms River, NJ	7↙	26↙	33↘	40↘	45↓	45↓	37↘	22↘	20↘	23↘	23↘	12↘	45 ↓
Trenton, NJ	5↙	20↙	26↙	32↘	36↓	36↓	31↘	22↘	17↘	21↘	21↘	9↘	36 ↓
Wilmington, DE	5↙	17↙	26↘	32↓	35↓	36↘	32↘	24↘	20↘	24↘	24↘	10↘	36 ↓



Key Messages

- Northeast winds will begin to increase on Sunday and persist through Monday, possibly into Monday night.
- The strongest of winds are expected to occur Sunday night into Monday morning.
- Location of the strongest winds will be along the coast, where gusts up to 55 mph are possible.
- Wind gusts up to 40 mph are possible inland.
- Gusty winds may lead to a few power outages and some localized tree damage.

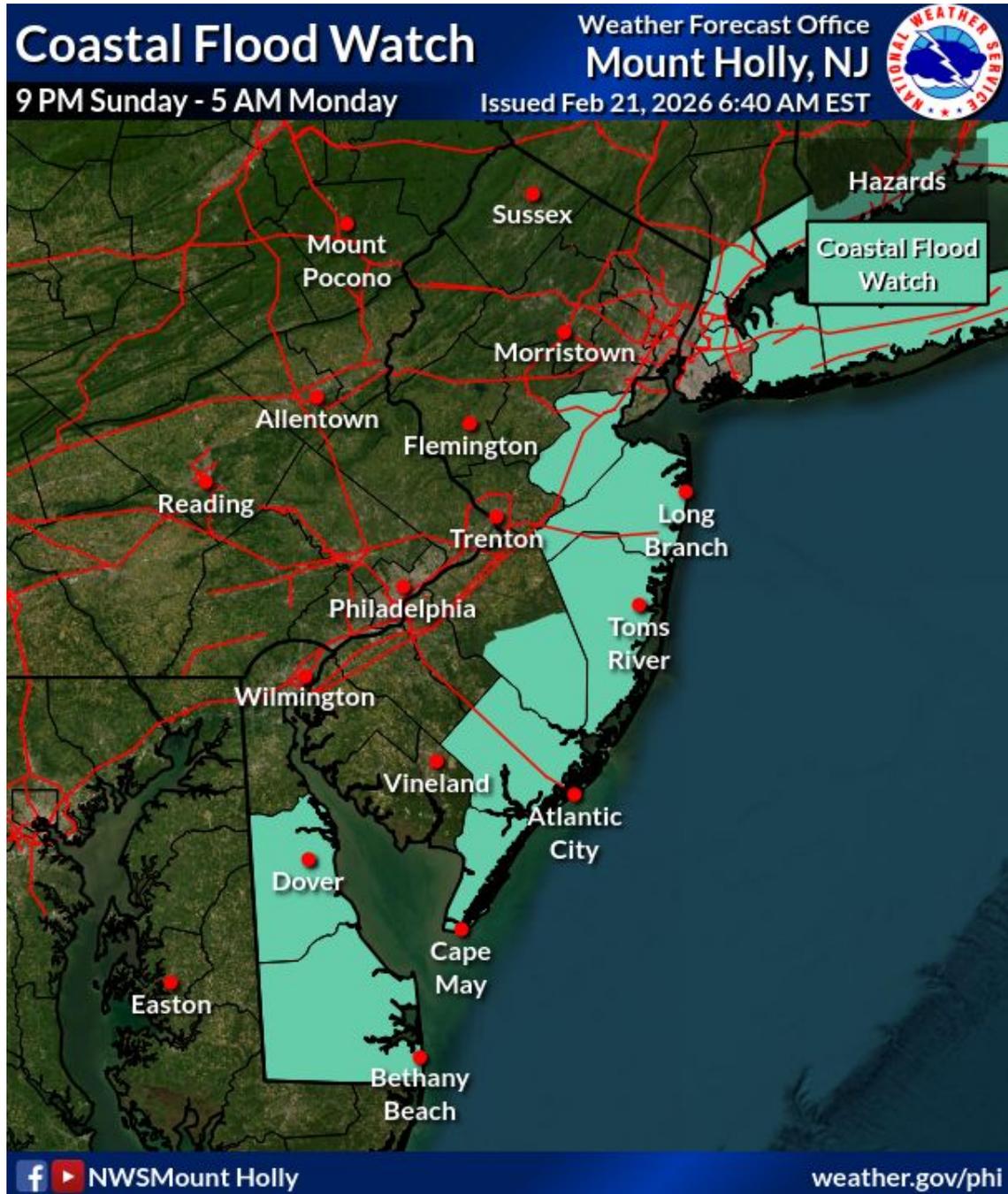




Coastal Flood Watches, Warnings & Advisories

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Sunday Evening through Monday Morning



Key Messages

- A Coastal Flood Watch remains in effect from 9 PM Sunday to 5 AM Monday.
- Moderate Coastal Flooding is possible where up to one to two feet of inundation above ground level is possible in low-lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways. Locally Major coastal flood impacts are possible.
- At moderate levels, widespread roadway flooding occurs in coastal and bayside communities and along inland tidal waterways. Many roads may become impassable and some damage to vulnerable structures may begin to occur.
- Additional Minor coastal flooding may continue with future high tide cycles on Monday.





Coastal Flood Threat

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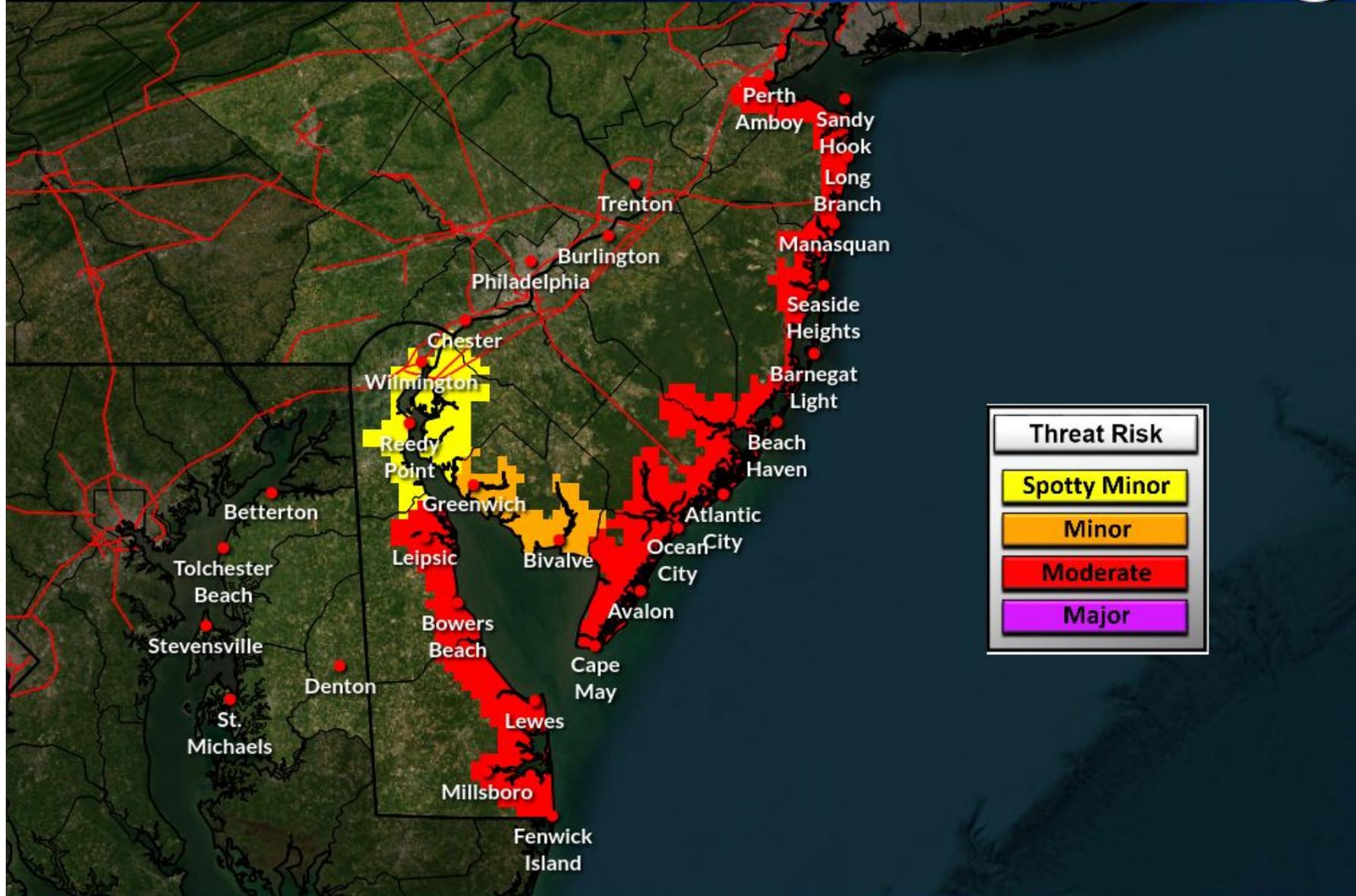
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Coastal Flood Threat

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Summary of Greatest Impacts

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- A significant winter storm is forecast to impact all of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland Sunday through Monday with potential for major impacts.
- Widespread heavy snowfall is forecast. Blizzard conditions are forecast along Atlantic coastal New Jersey and Delaware. Blowing and drifting snow is likely for many areas. Significant disruptions to travel and infrastructure are possible.
- Precipitation will likely begin as a period of light rain for most areas, before changing over to snow into the late morning and afternoon hours from north to south. For areas north of I-78, precipitation will likely remain all snow.
- Strong winds and coastal flooding are also forecast for the Atlantic coast. A Coastal Flood Watch remains in effect for the Atlantic coast, where widespread Moderate to potentially Major coastal flooding is possible.



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