



Winter Weather Briefing

January 24, 2026
7:13 AM EST

For Southeast North Carolina and Northeast South Carolina

Decision Support Briefing #7

→ As of 7:13 AM Saturday January 24, 2026

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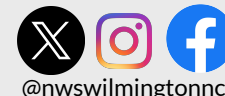
Important Updates

- Ice Storm Warning now in effect for Dillon and Darlington Counties, as well as Marlboro and Robeson Counties
- Winter Weather Advisory in effect for rest of the forecast area (except for coastal Georgetown County)



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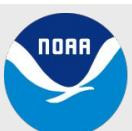


Key Messages

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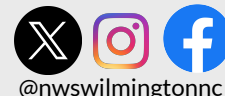
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- Confidence is increasing in significant impacts from wintry precipitation (mainly freezing rain) this weekend, especially near/west of I-95.
- Moderate to high confidence that a wintry mix of precipitation (mainly freezing rain) will begin late today/early tonight. The main window of concern is tonight into early Sunday. Precipitation will gradually change to all rain throughout the day Sunday as temperatures warm, especially near the coast.
- High confidence in dangerous cold following the storm through much of next week, especially Monday night and Thursday night when single digit wind chill temps are possible.



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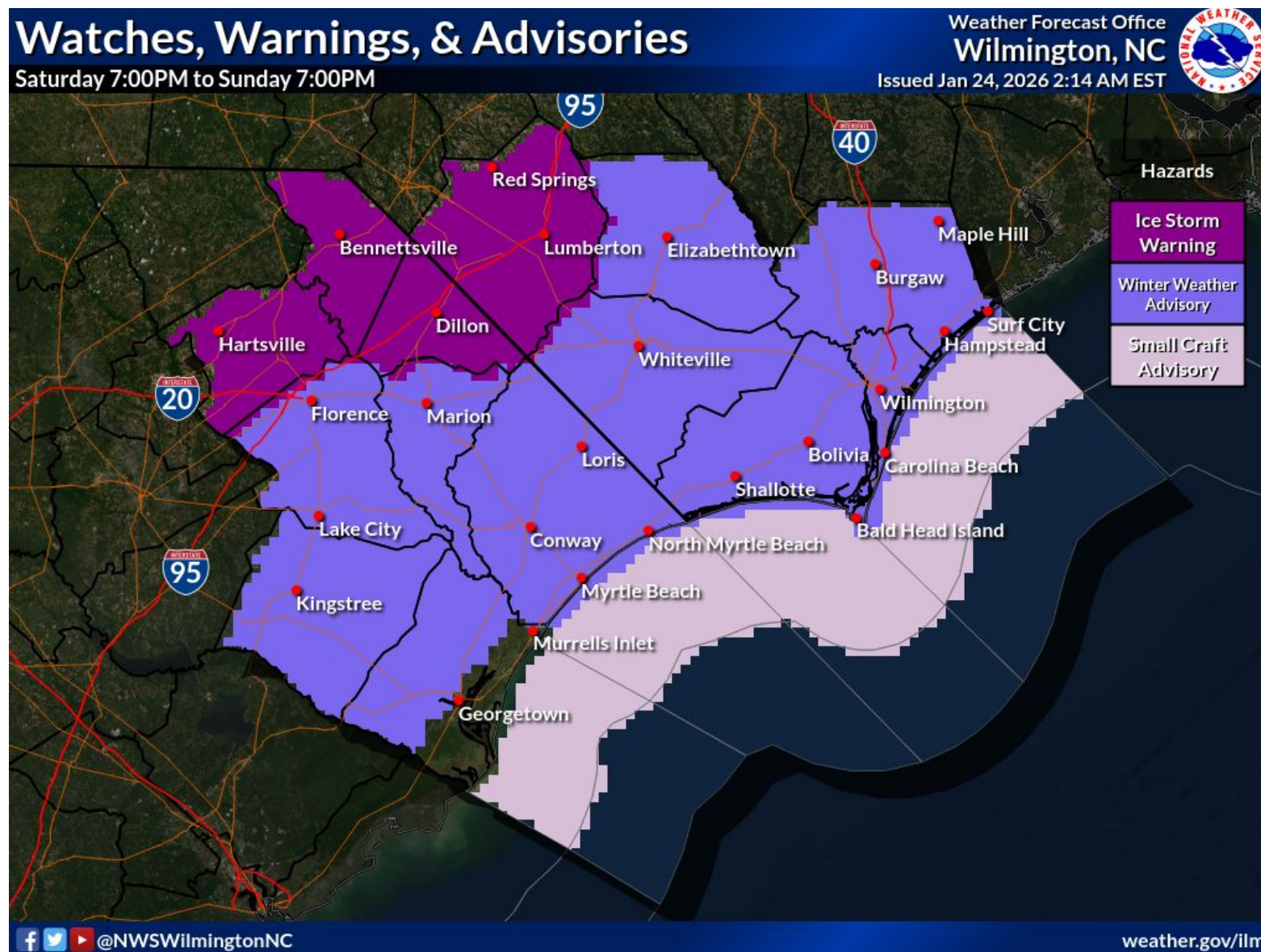
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→ **Ice Storm Warning** from this evening through Sunday evening for the following counties:

- ◆ Marlboro
- ◆ Robeson
- ◆ Darlington
- ◆ Dillon

→ **Winter Weather Advisory** from this evening through Sunday evening for all other counties (except coastal Georgetown County)

→ **Small Craft Advisory** today through 7 AM Tuesday for all nearshore waters out to 20 nm

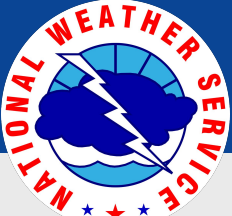


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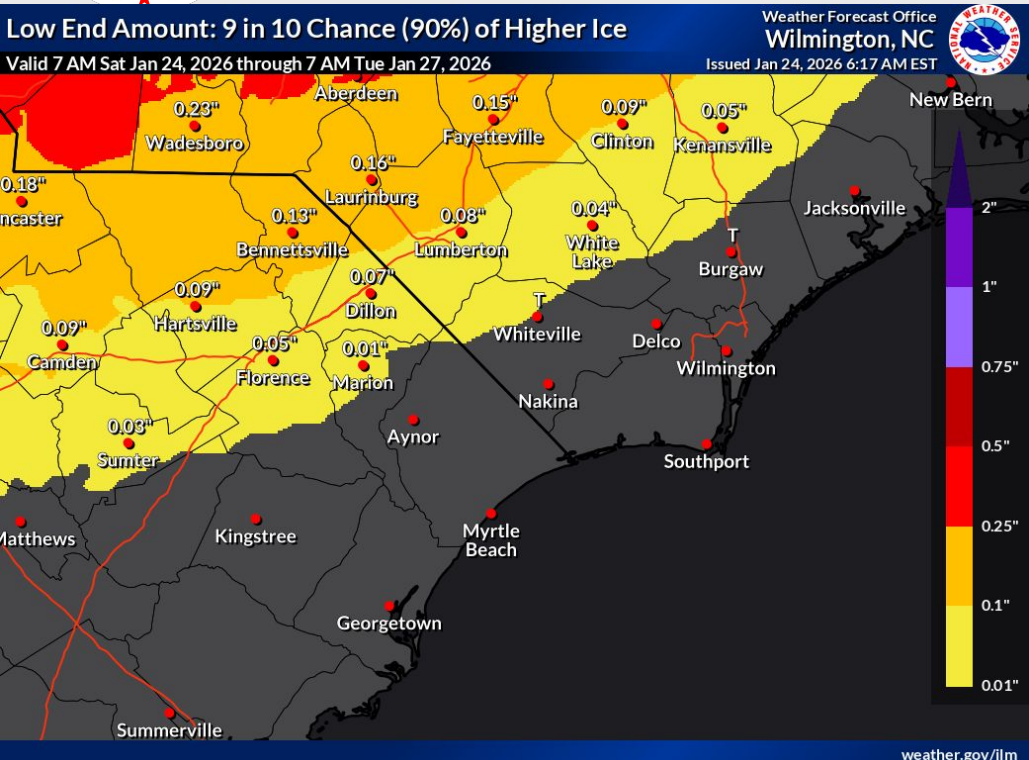
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Ice Accumulations Thru Sunday Afternoon

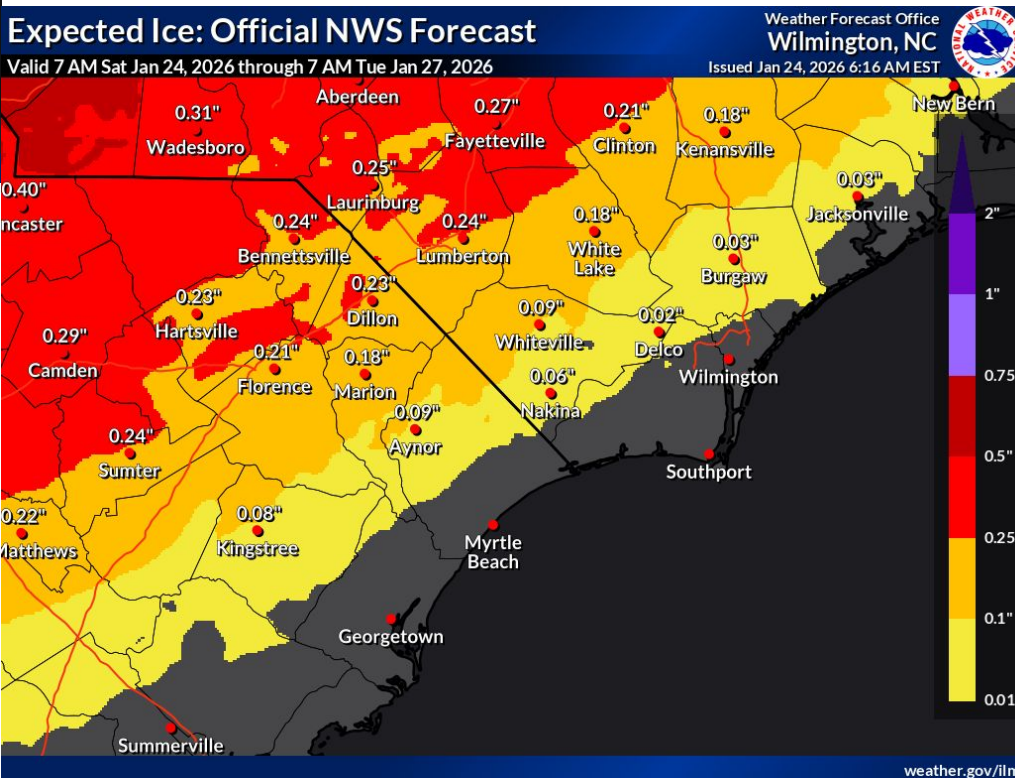
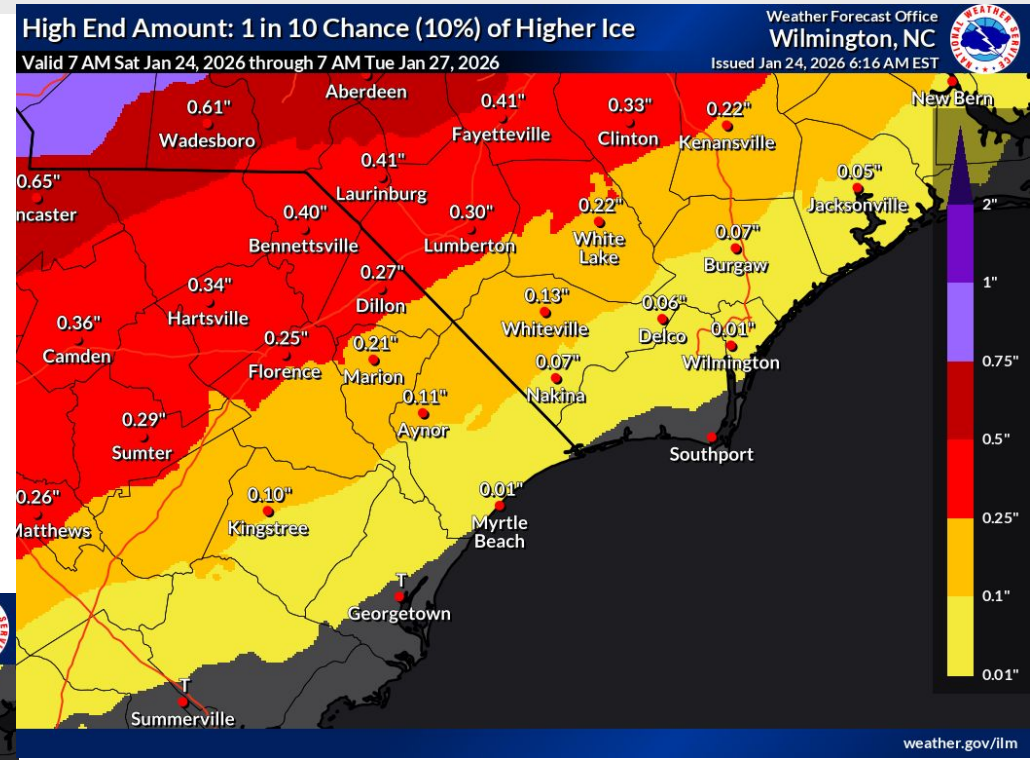
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Expected / Most Likely Scenario

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Low-End Scenario
90% chance there will be *more* ice than this

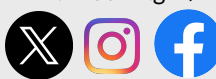
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High-End / Reasonable Worst-Case Scenario
90% chance there will be *less* ice than this



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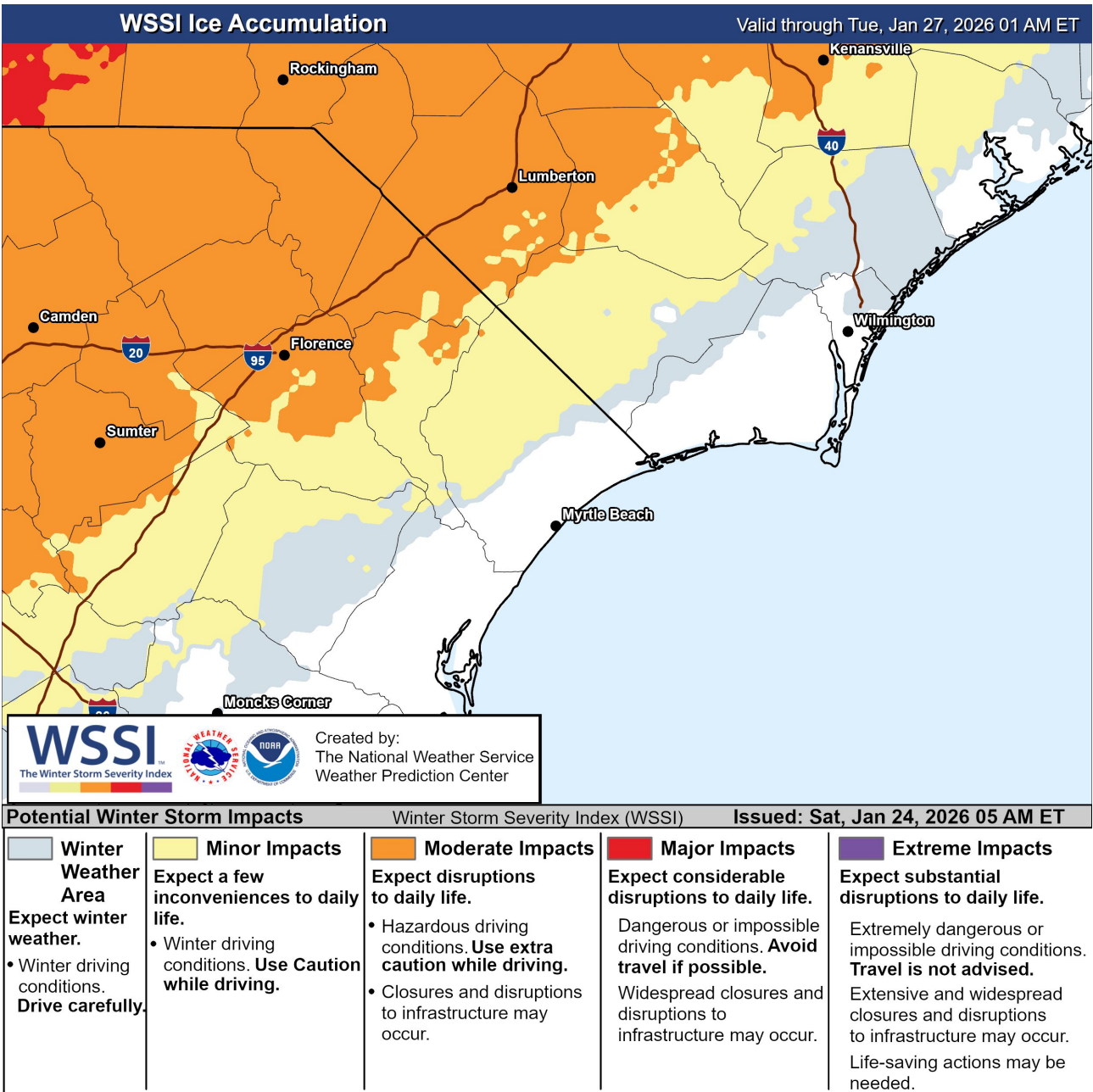
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Winter Storm Severity Index

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Moderate Winter Storm Impacts Inland This Weekend



- ➔ **Moderate Impacts** expected mainly for northwestern areas, which will cause winter driving conditions
- ➔ **Ice accumulation** due to freezing rain is the primary factor in expected impacts, with minimal impacts from sleet





Dangerous Cold

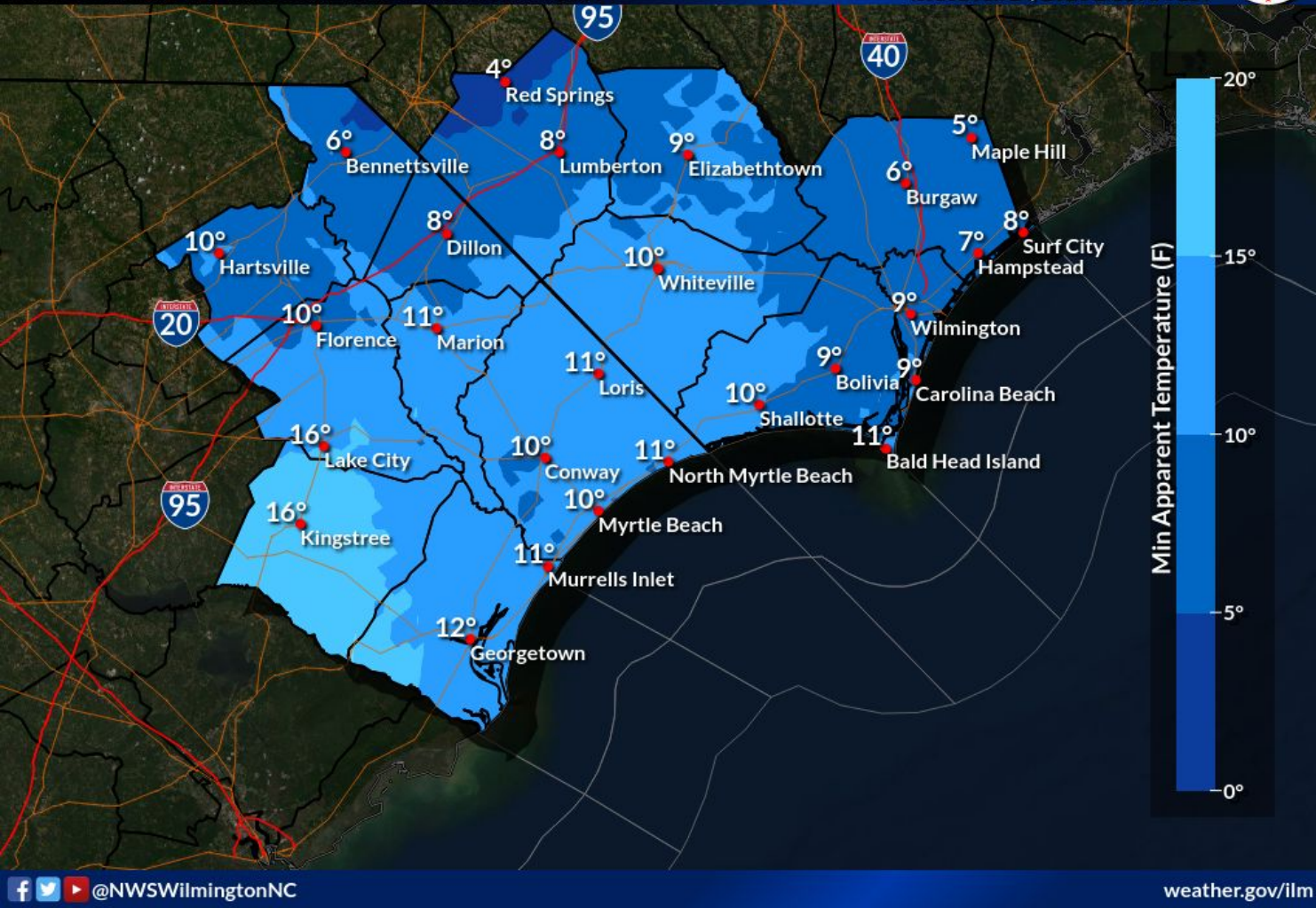
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Min Wind Chill

Forecast valid from Mon 8:00PM EST to Tue 8:00PM EST

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Timing

→ Much of next week, mainly Monday/Thursday nights



Forecast

→ Well below normal temps, with dangerous cold possible during overnight hours

→ Wind chills in the single digits possible



Impacts

→ Frostbite and hypothermia can occur if unprotected skin is exposed to these temperatures

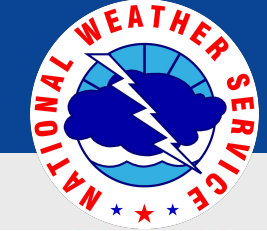


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Key Take-Aways

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- Confidence is HIGH that the event will occur
- Confidence is HIGH regarding impacts



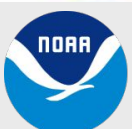
Ice accumulation from freezing rain, along with some sleet, is expected across southeast NC and northeast SC, mainly near and west of I-95 and east into Bladen County. Confidence is overall high regarding ice accumulations, though there is still some play regarding the higher amounts west of I-95.



Dangerous cold temperatures will follow for several days, which will be especially hazardous to those without power.



Hazardous marine conditions expected across the coastal waters through early next week.





Preparedness/Safety Info

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adding layers will help keep you warm as the temperature drops

CHILLY

1-2 layers
long layer
outer layer to keep out wind, rain
warm shoes water proof

COLD

2-3 layers
gloves
warm hat
outer layer to keep out wind, wet snow
boots water proof
1-2 layers

EXTREME COLD

3+ layers
1 insulating
gloves
warm hat
face mask
outer layer to keep out wind
boots water proof
2+ layers

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Cell Phone Charger

First Aid Kit

Jumper Cables

Spare Tire

Flares

BUILDING AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT FOR YOUR CAR

WHY?
Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or an emergency road closure

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Water, Snacks

Mittens, Hat, Boots Warm Clothes

Flashlight

Snow Shovel and Brush

Blankets

Tow Rope

Full Tank of Gas

Sand or Kitty Litter

ICE & SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW

Each year in the U.S., there are over **1,000 deaths** and **100,000 injuries** due to vehicle crashes during winter weather.

DID YOU KNOW?

Clean off your vehicle before driving.
Flying snow from cars causes accidents.

Keep it slow, and don't use cruise control.
Roads can be slick even if they just look wet.

Leave extra distance between vehicles.
Stay especially far from snow plows.

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