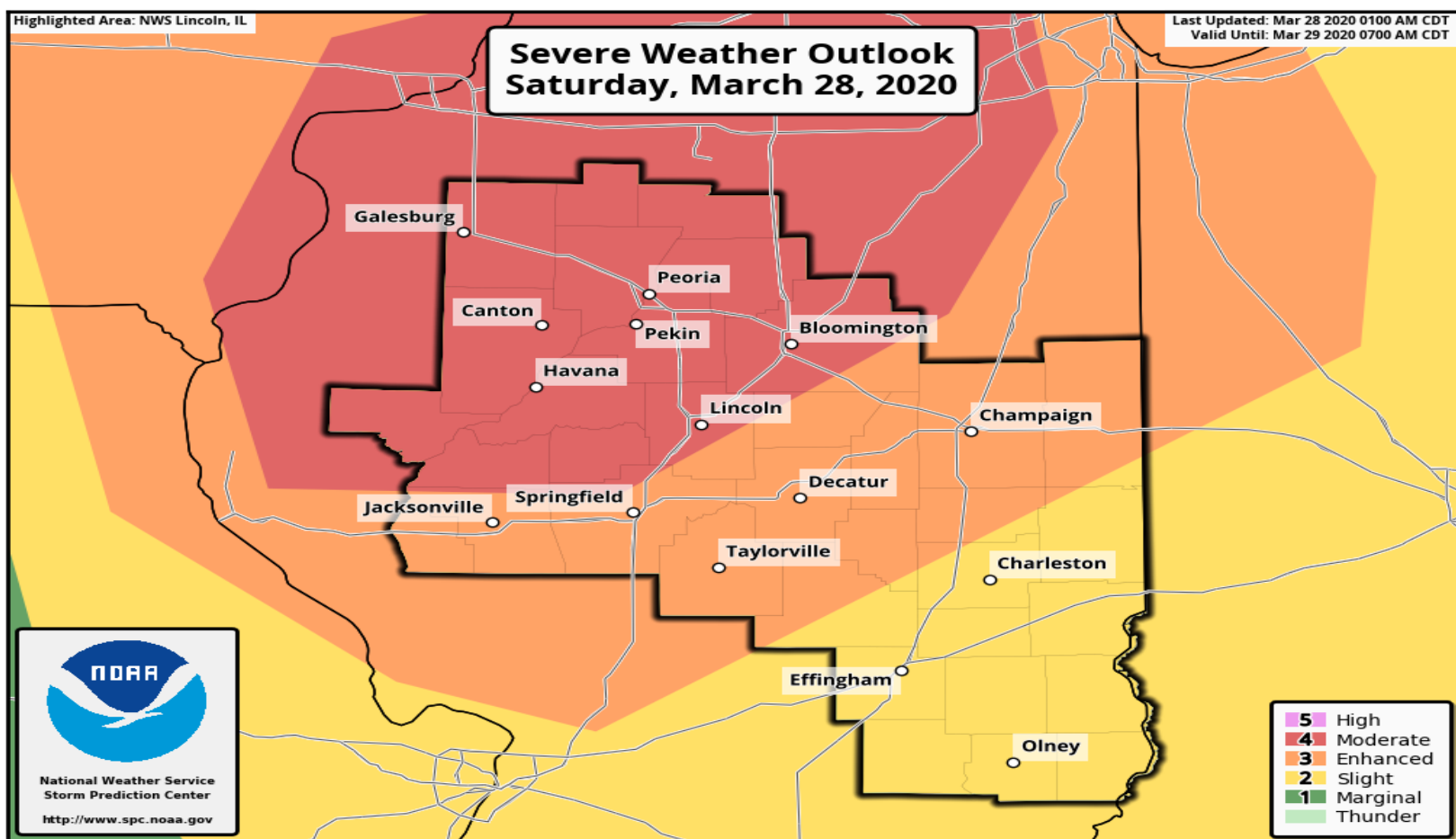


## Significant Severe Weather Outbreak Today



### Weather Message of the Day:

- A significant severe weather threat is expected to develop this afternoon and continue this evening
- Damaging winds, very large hail, and tornadoes are all possible.

### Important Forecast Changes

**NEW** Risk area was expanded southeast slightly. Timing has trended slightly slower, favoring 2pm through midnight for the timing of the greatest threat.



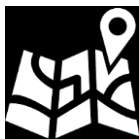
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### Key Points

#### Hazards:



- Tornadoes. Long-track Significant Tornadoes possible.
- Very Large Hail, golf ball to baseball size on the high end.
- Damaging Winds.
- Locally Heavy Rainfall and Potential Flooding.



**Areas Impacted:** All of central and southeast Illinois with the best chances of significant tornadoes, and very large hail near and northwest of I-55.



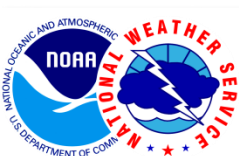
**Timing & Duration:** A few storms may be ongoing this morning, but the first round of severe storms is expected this afternoon, mainly between 2 and 5 pm. A line of thunderstorms will develop along a cold front this evening and sweep east across the state between 5pm and midnight.



**Impacts:** Damaging Tornadoes, Hail, and Winds can be expected producing potential significant damage to structures, vehicles, and trees. Heavy rainfall and potential flooding will be possible in areas experiencing the more intense storms.

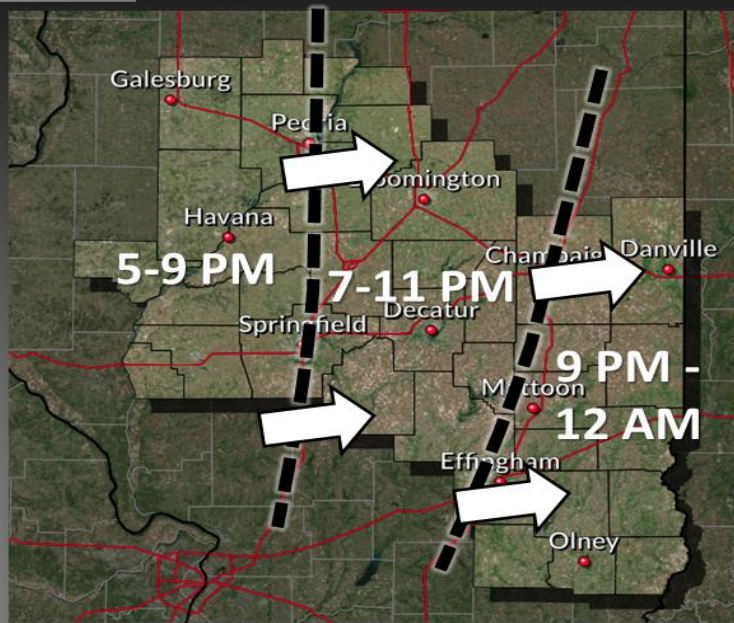


**Certainty & Considerations:** Factors impacting the storm potential are mostly related to the amount of instability that is available due to clearing and sun warming the lower layers of the atmosphere from late morning into the early afternoon.



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## Timing Severe Threat this Afternoon & Evening Two rounds of severe potential



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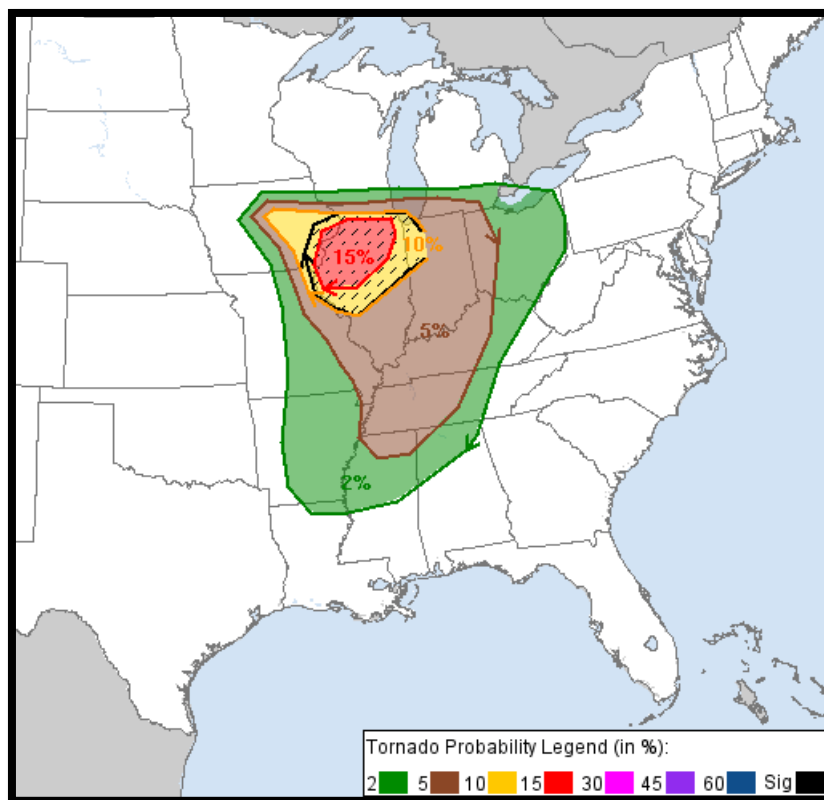
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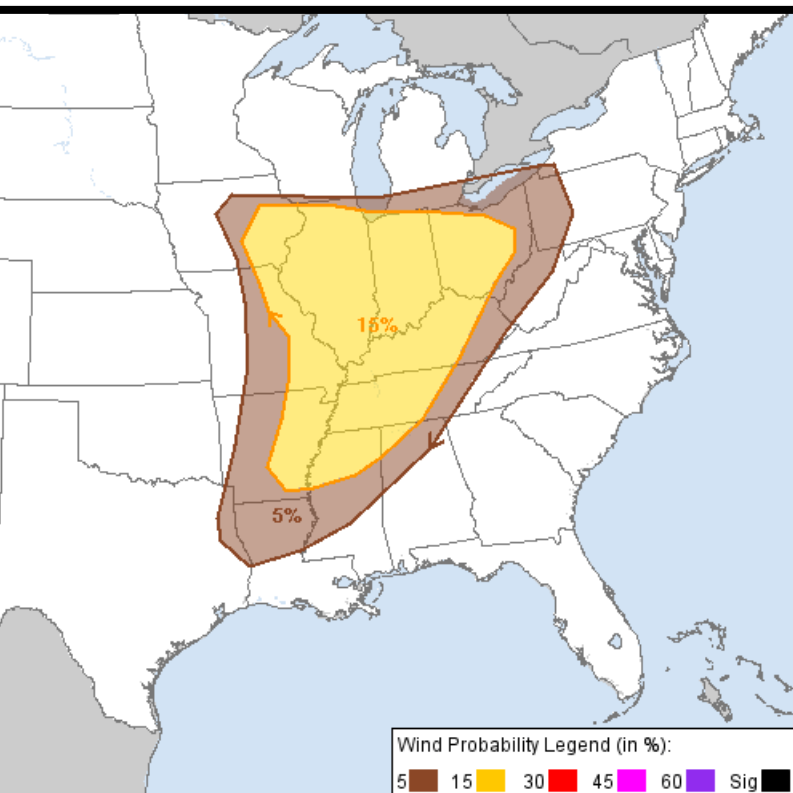
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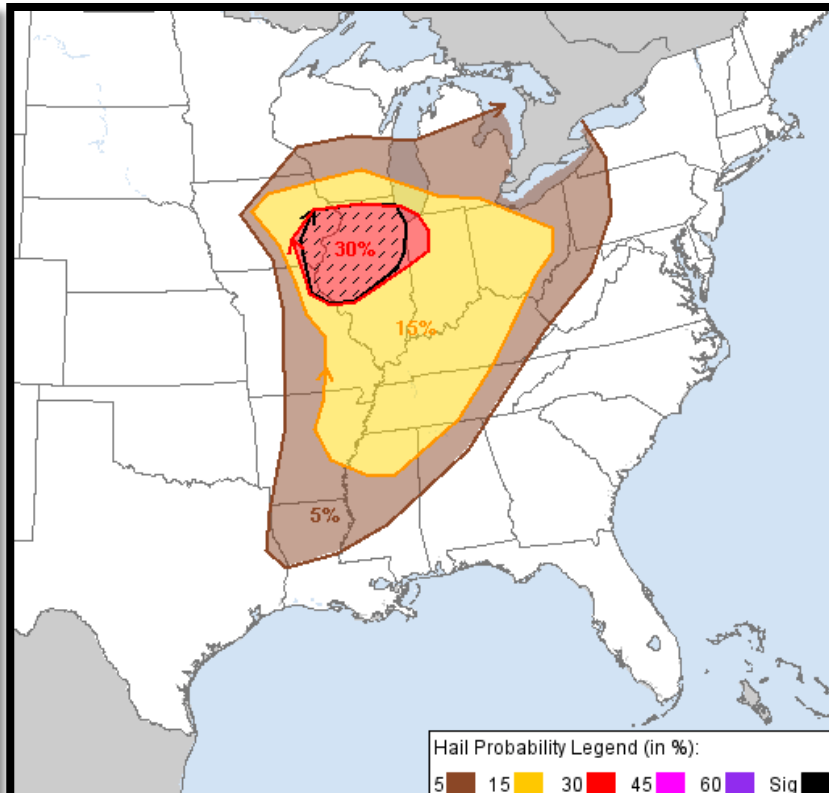


Today's Chances of Specific Weather Type Within 25 Miles

**Tornado probability**



**Damaging wind probability**



**Severe hail probability**



## Tornado Preparedness Info

If the atmosphere becomes favorable for tornadoes, a **Tornado Watch** may be issued. A Tornado Watch means that any storm that forms in and around the watch area could produce a tornado and you should prepare to act if a warning is issued.

If a storm is about to produce a tornado, or if one is occurring, the National Weather Service will issue a **Tornado Warning**. If a warning is issued for your area, seek shelter immediately.

**Shelter:** Lowest floor, interior room of a permanent structure, preferably a designated storm shelter **NOT a shelter:** A mobile home, car, highway overpass or under any bridge

## Tornado Sheltering Guidelines

Seek the best available refuge area **immediately** when a Tornado Warning is issued. Your chance of surviving a tornado is excellent if you follow these guidelines.

### WORST OPTIONS

- Mobile homes
- Vehicles
- Underneath a highway overpass

### BAD OPTIONS

- Large open rooms like gymnasiums
- Manufactured housing

### GOOD OPTIONS

- Interior room of a well-constructed home or building
- Basement

### BEST OPTIONS

- Above or below ground Tornado Storm Shelter (NSSA/ICC 500 compliant)\*
- Specifically-designed FEMA Safe Room\*

Find another option



Stay in place until all clear

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\*Recommended by FEMA



## Flash Flood Preparedness



**Know your risk:** Are you in a flood-prone area? Know your zone: [www.fema.gov/flood-zones](http://www.fema.gov/flood-zones)

- If you are camping, know where you are relative to a creek or stream; they can become raging rivers during a flash flood with little to no warning. Have a NOAA weather radio and make sure it is tuned to the right transmitter. <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/Maps/index.php>
- A **Flash Flood Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for flash flooding. *Time to prepare!*
- A **Flash Flood Warning** is issued when flash flooding is imminent or occurring. *Time to act!*

**Never drive into flood waters! Turn around, don't drown!**

## Building a Weather-Ready Nation

