

Winter Storm Enzo Operational Memo

Situation:

Winter Storm Enzo has adversely impacted shipping on Tuesday January 21, 2025.

Background:

Enzo is producing snow and ice from much of Louisiana into parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, as the latest radar snapshot illustrates below. Note that some of the wintry weather shown on this radar is not reaching the ground, particularly east of the Mississippi River. The highest snowfall total so far, through 11 a.m. CST is 10.5 inches in Rayne, Louisiana, or near Lafayette. Thundersnow was reported nearby. Up to a quarter inch of ice accreted earlier Tuesday in south Texas, where some power outages are being reported. And it is also snowing in Florida.

As of late Tuesday morning, up to 4 inches of snow had fallen in the Houston metro area while flurries fell in Galveston. Snow even fell as far south as Brownsville, Texas, early Tuesday.



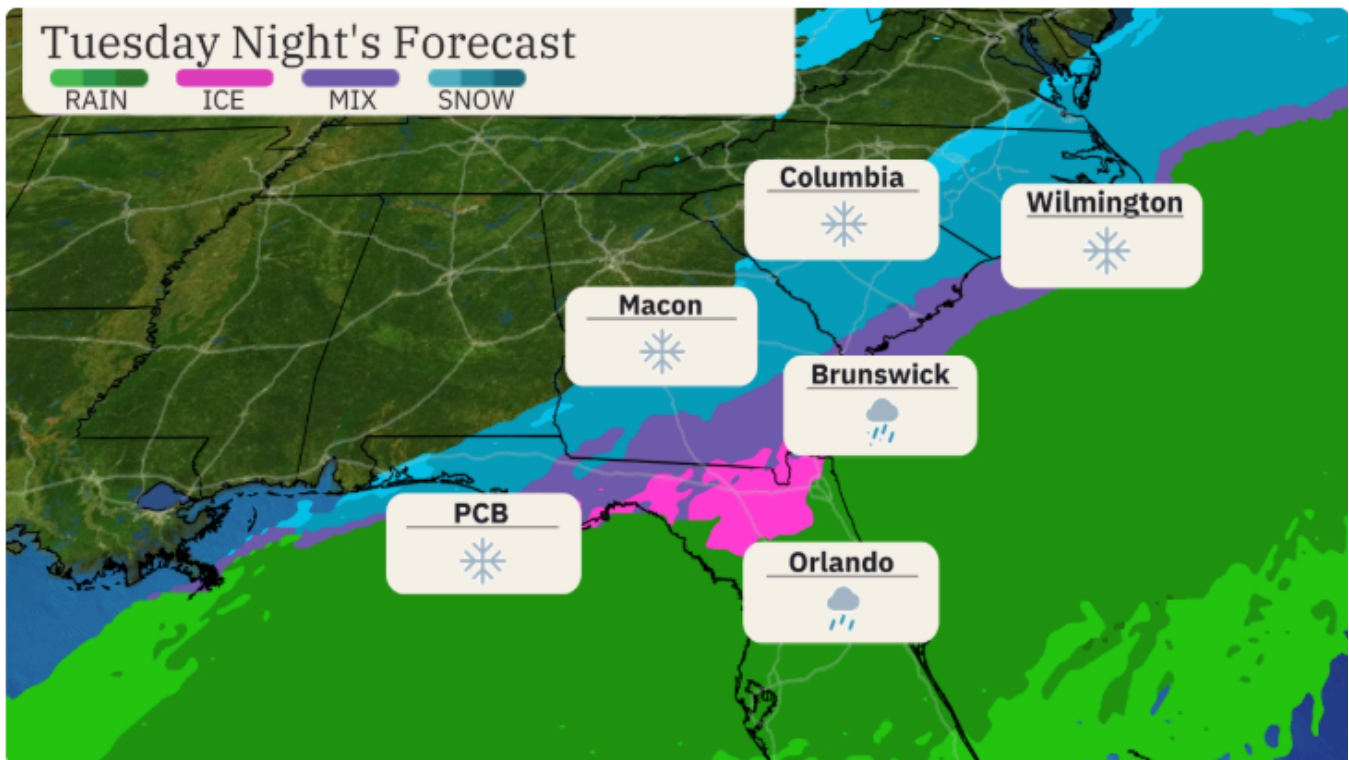
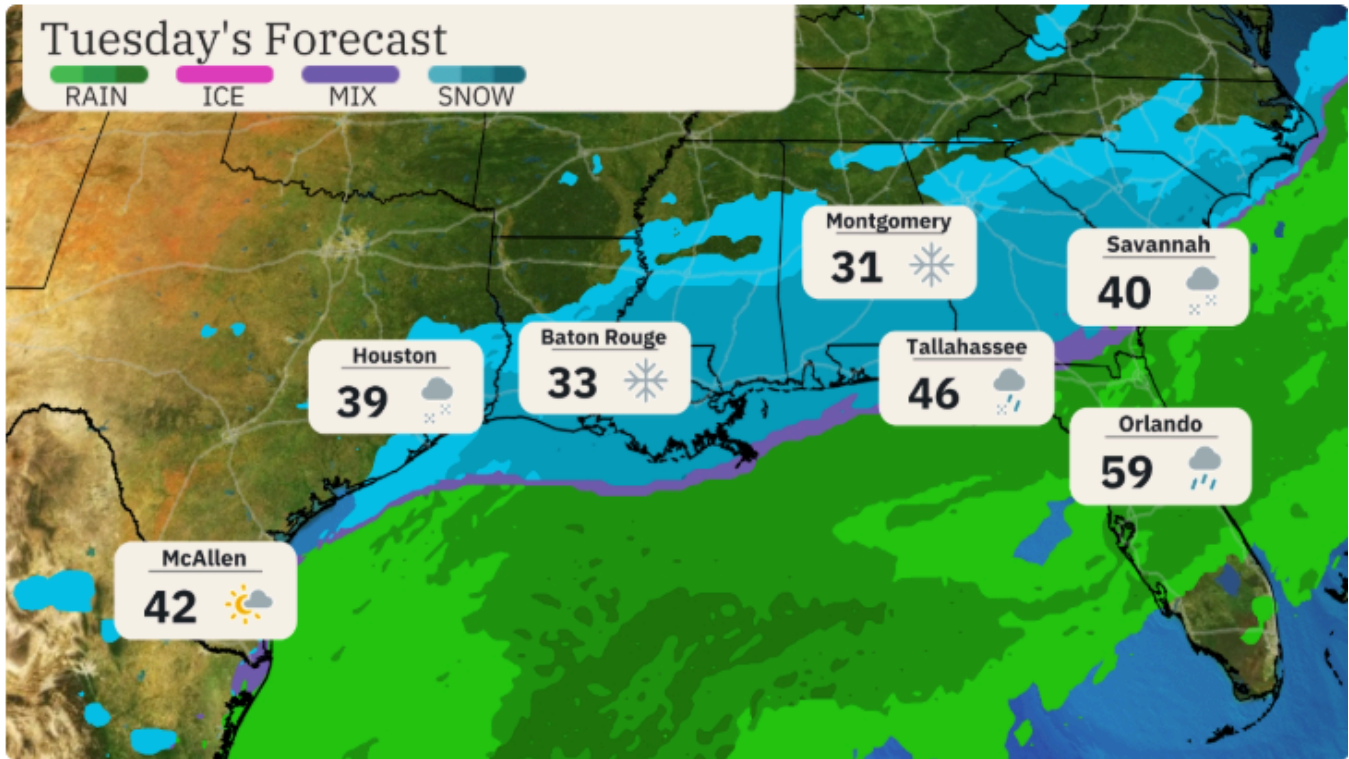
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The National Weather Service has posted winter storm warnings and winter weather advisories across the South from central and eastern Texas to parts of Georgia and the Carolinas. Cities in those alerts include Austin, Houston, New Orleans, Tallahassee, Atlanta and Charleston, South Carolina. These alerts mean that snow, ice and wind will combine to make travel conditions dangerous, especially in areas under winter storm warnings.

Timing

- *Tuesday*
 - Snow, ice and gusty winds will increase from west to east across the Gulf Coast region during the day, including parts of southern Louisiana, southern Mississippi, southern Alabama, Georgia and the coastal Carolinas.
 - Gusty winds will blow snow around and make travel dangerous. Gusts will exceed 30 mph on the immediate Gulf Coast.
 - Near-blizzard conditions are possible near the Gulf Coast.
 - Tuesday night, most of the wintry weather will taper off from the Mississippi River westward. Parts of Georgia, northern Florida and the Carolinas will continue to see snow and ice into early Wednesday. Most of the storm will be done after early Wednesday, but road conditions will remain hazardous.
 - For now, precipitation will fall as snow along and north of Interstate 10 and as a wintry mix south of Interstate 10.
 - The northern and eastern extent of this storm's moisture, and thus snow and ice, is highly uncertain in Georgia and the Carolinas. This includes the Atlanta metro area, where hazardous travel is possible Tuesday depending on how far north this storm's snowfall spreads toward Interstate 20.

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Assessment:

[FedEx's](#) hub is located in Memphis, TN and they have activated contingency plans to mitigate impacts from the weather disruption. Potential delays are possible for package deliveries with a commitment of Tuesday, January 21, 2025. [USPS](#) is also expecting delayed shipments across multiple states.

Recommendations:

1. Ascension Rx Pharmacy Services Center (Ascension Rx 1001) will still be shipping USPS shipments on Tuesday. No FedEx overnight shipments or Ground shipments will be going out due to our pick up being canceled due to weather. Phone lines and prescription processing will be open as usual.
 - a. If patients need prescriptions filled immediately, they can fill locally at an Ascension Community location if they can safely travel. Please note, traveling in certain parts of the country during this storm is discouraged depending on location.
2. Ascension Rx 1001 and Ascension Rx 1303 Specialty patients will be contacted to reschedule deliveries if they were already set up for Wednesday January 22nd delivery and are located in one of the weather-impacted areas.
3. Phone lines and business operations will continue during the weather event(s) at both pharmacies and overnight shipments will be held if FedEx releases a list of zip codes that do not have overnight service available. Please check FedEx's [website](#) for the most up to date list of impacted zip codes.