

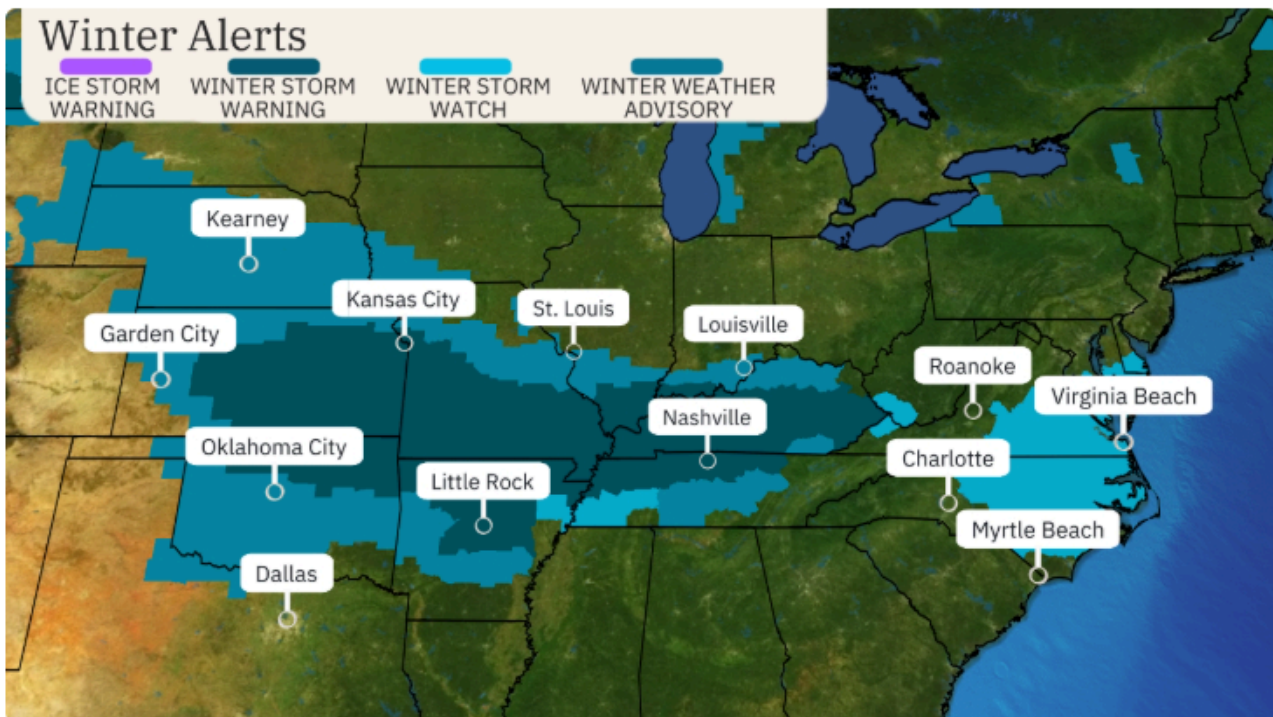
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Situation:

Winter Storm Kingston is expected to track over the Ozarks and mid-Atlantic with potentially major disruptions due to snow and ice into Thursday evening before moving over the Atlantic.

Background:

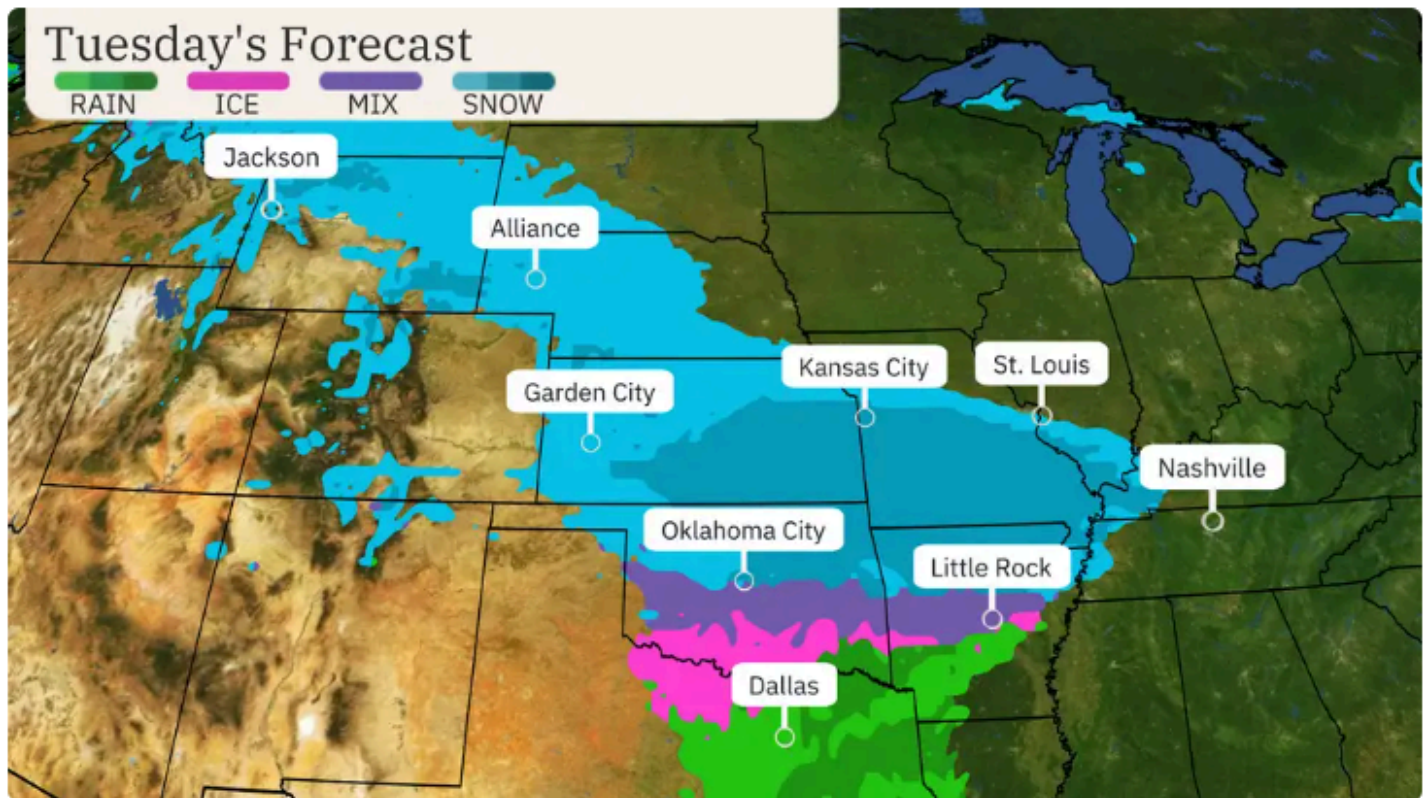
Cold arctic air is expected to dominate the region over the next several days. A developing low pressure system will move eastward near the Gulf Coast and move northeastward off the East Coast, bringing a risk of locally heavy snow from the Central Plains to the Ohio Valley, Mid-South, and Mid Atlantic. Indications suggest snowfall totals could reach up to 4-8 inches, with locally heavier amounts possible where any heavier bands develop. Freezing rain will also be possible along the southern edge of the snow risk area from Oklahoma eastward across the northern Deep South to the Carolinas and southeast Virginia. Up to $\frac{1}{8}$ " of ice will be possible with locally higher amounts up to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", especially over central South Carolina, North Carolina and southeast Virginia.



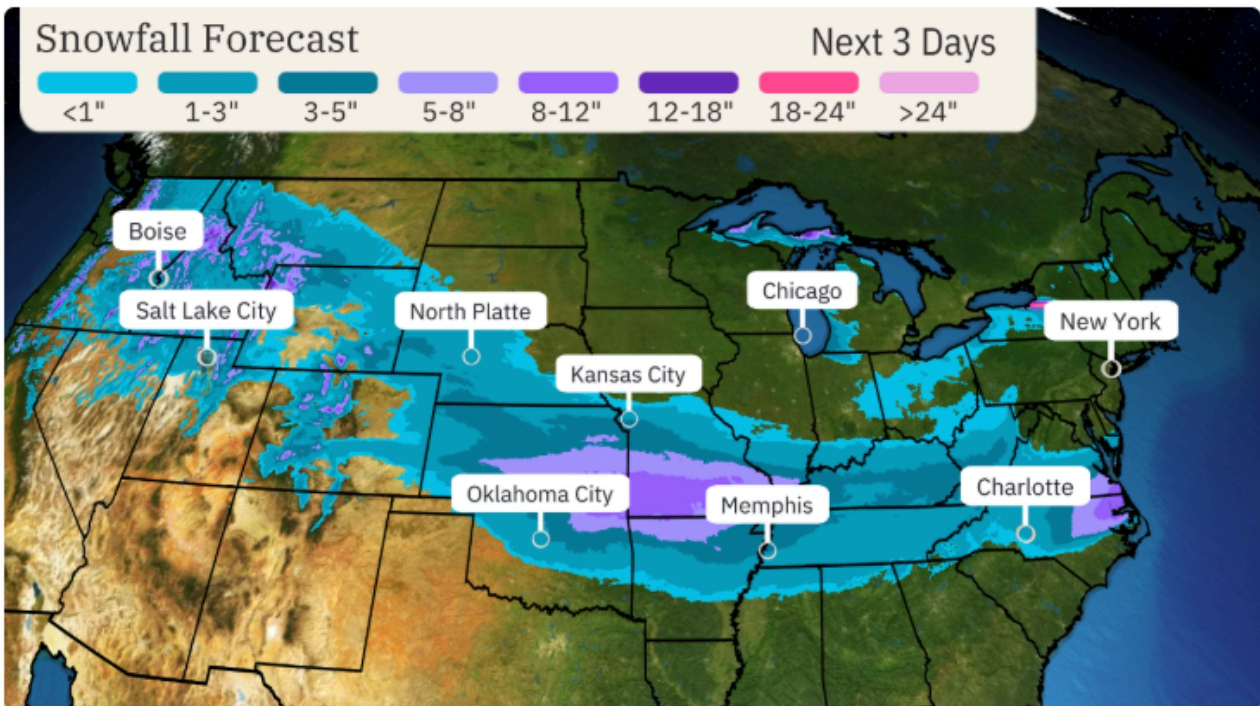
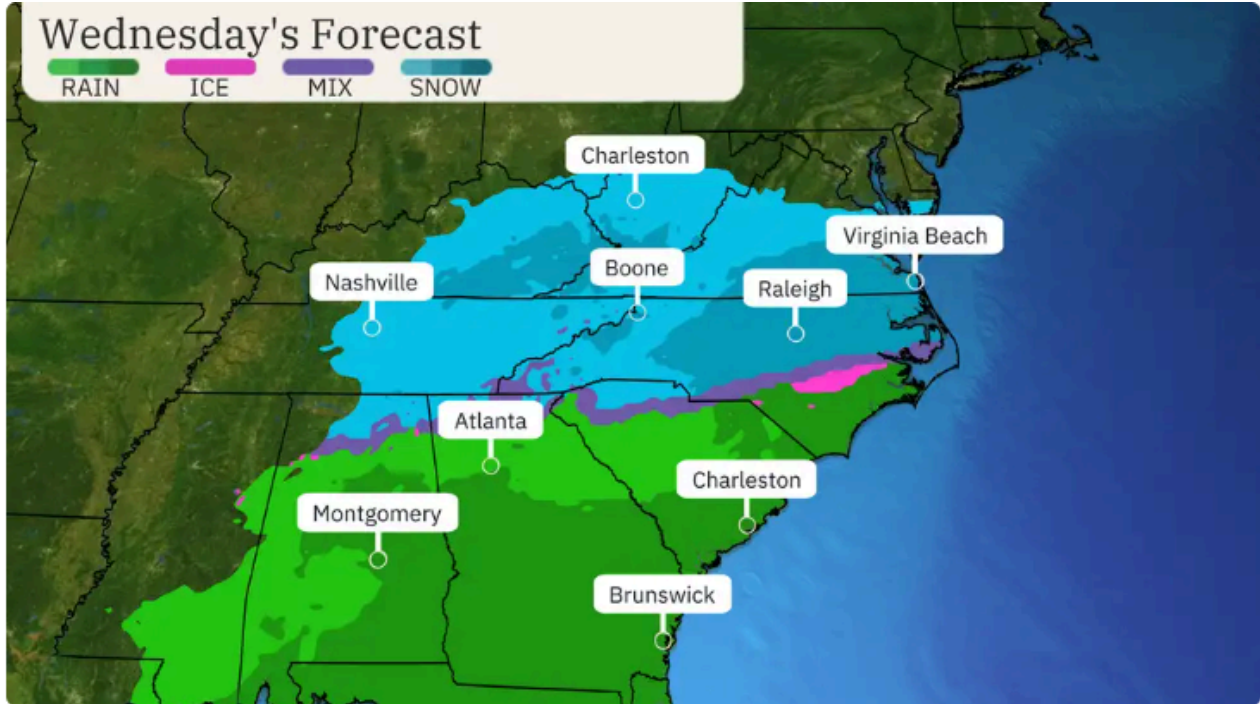
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Timing

- *Monday night and Tuesday*
 - Snow and ice picks up in the Plains, Ozarks and into the mid-Mississippi Valley from north Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas to Kansas and Missouri. Snow continues across much of the northern and central Rockies.
- *Late Tuesday into Wednesday*
 - Snow spreads into the mid-South and the mid-Atlantic states. On the southern periphery of the cold air, there is some potential of a significant ice threat in North Carolina on Wednesday.



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Assessment:

[FedEx](#) has hubs located in Memphis, TN and Indianapolis, IN that have activated contingency plans to mitigate impacts from the weather disruption. Potential delays are possible for package deliveries with a commitment of Wednesday, February 19, 2025. [USPS](#) is also expecting delayed shipments across multiple states.

Recommendation:

1. Ascension Rx Pharmacy Services Center (Ascension Rx 1001) will still be shipping USPS shipments on Tuesday. No cold chain FedEx overnight shipments will be going out on Tuesday February 18th. 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 cold chain deliveries if they were already set up for delivery on Wednesday February 19th.
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.