



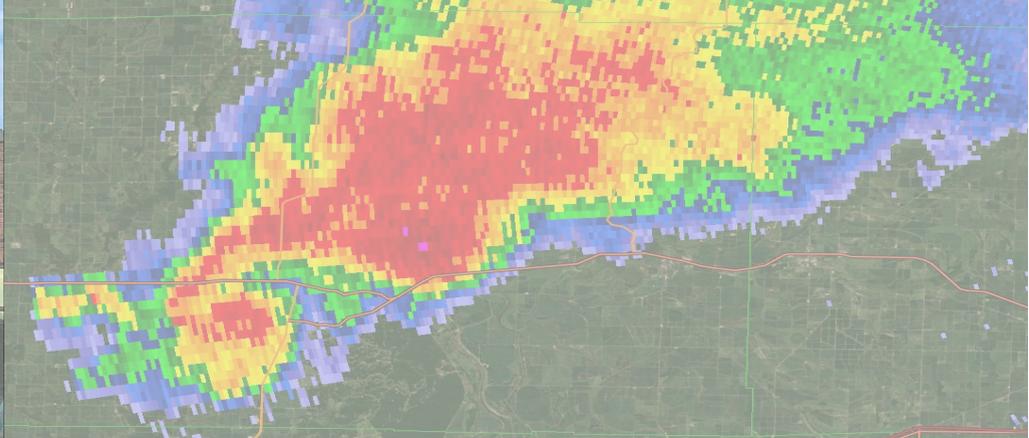
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Emergency Management Briefing

Winter Storm Feb 22 - Feb 23

Saturday 2/21/2026





High Impact Coastal Storm Sun Night-Mon

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For Southern New England

Key Messages:

- High impact winter storm expected Sunday evening through Monday for southern New England.
 - Greatest concern heavy wet snow and strong winds...potential power outages & tree damage focus across eastern MA/RI.
 - Much higher impact for eastern MA and RI than the late January storm given the wet snow and strong winds.
 - Blizzard conditions expected across eastern MA/RI.
 - These Blizzard headlines may need to be expanded further northwest into interior MA and possibly CT.



New Information/Updates

- Blizzard Warnings eastern MA & RI
- Winter Storm Warnings western/central MA & northern CT
- Storm Warnings all waters





Most Likely Snowfall and Confidence Levels

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Timing Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- Accumulating snow arrives Sunday night
- Heaviest snow rates after 2 AM Mon into Mon afternoon
- Snow tapers off late Mon afternoon/early evening.

Snow Amounts Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

- High confidence for 12-24" eastern MA/RI
- Moderate confidence 10-18" snow amounts in western MA/CT

Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW

MEDIUM

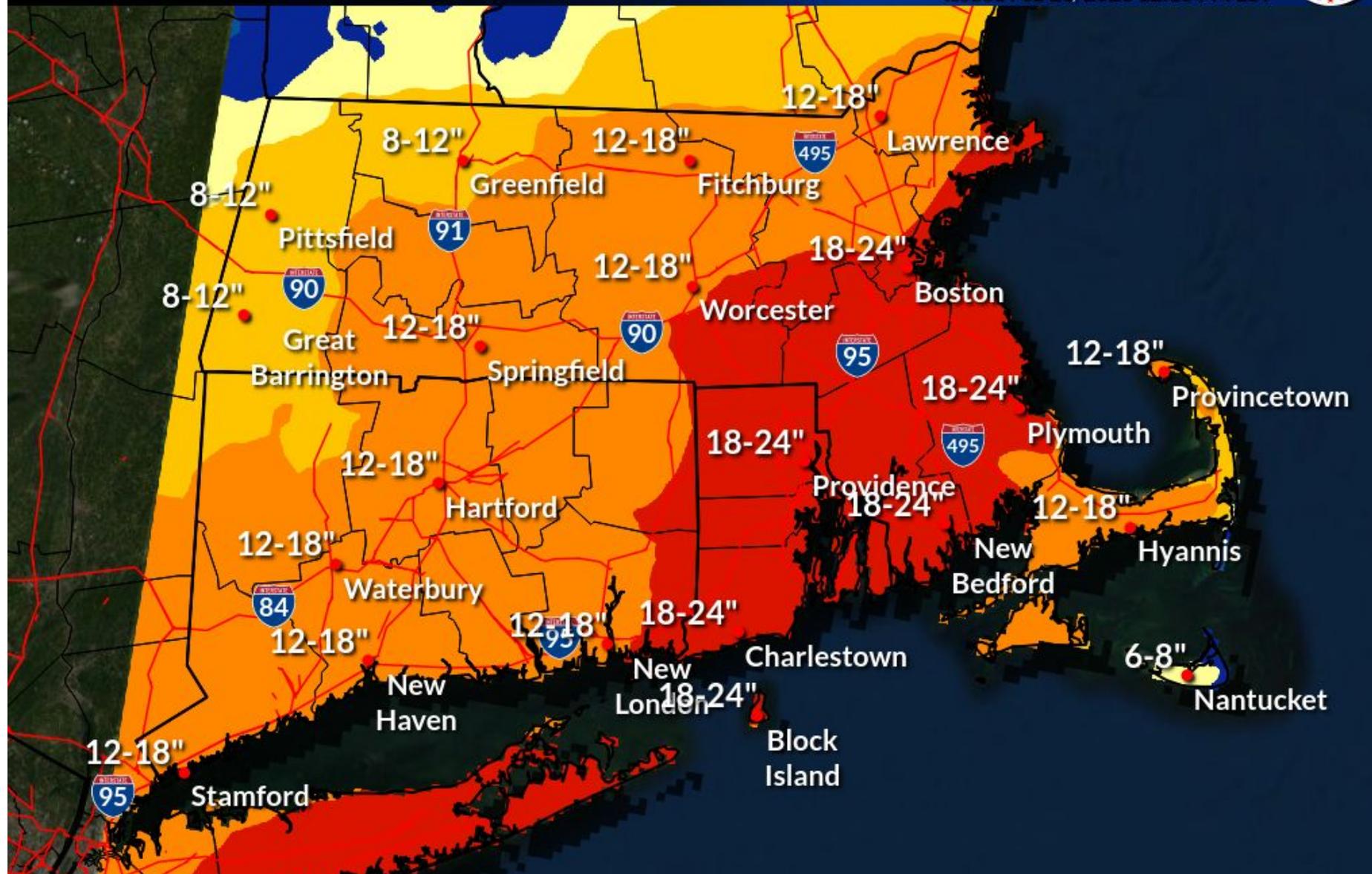
HIGH

- Travel difficult to impossible.
- Blizzard conditions and periods of heavy snow will result in low visibility.

Expected Snowfall Sunday Night into Monday

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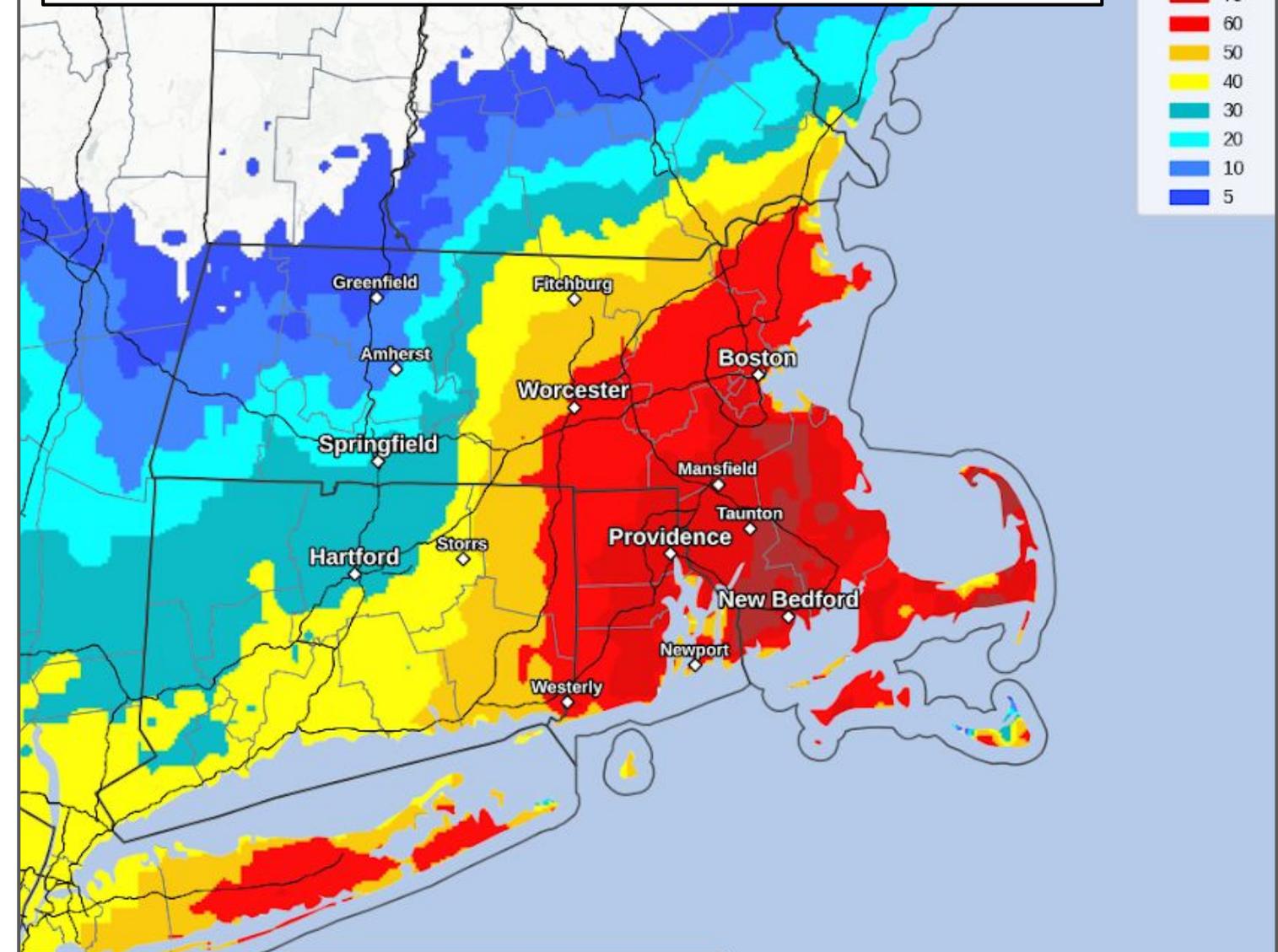
Impacts - Heavy Wet Snow & Strong Winds

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- Major impacts expected for eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
- Wet Snow
- Combination of strong winds with wet snow on trees.
- Very concerned for tree damage and power outages

Probabilistic Winter Storm Severity Index: Probability of Major Impacts (Sun Night-Mon)



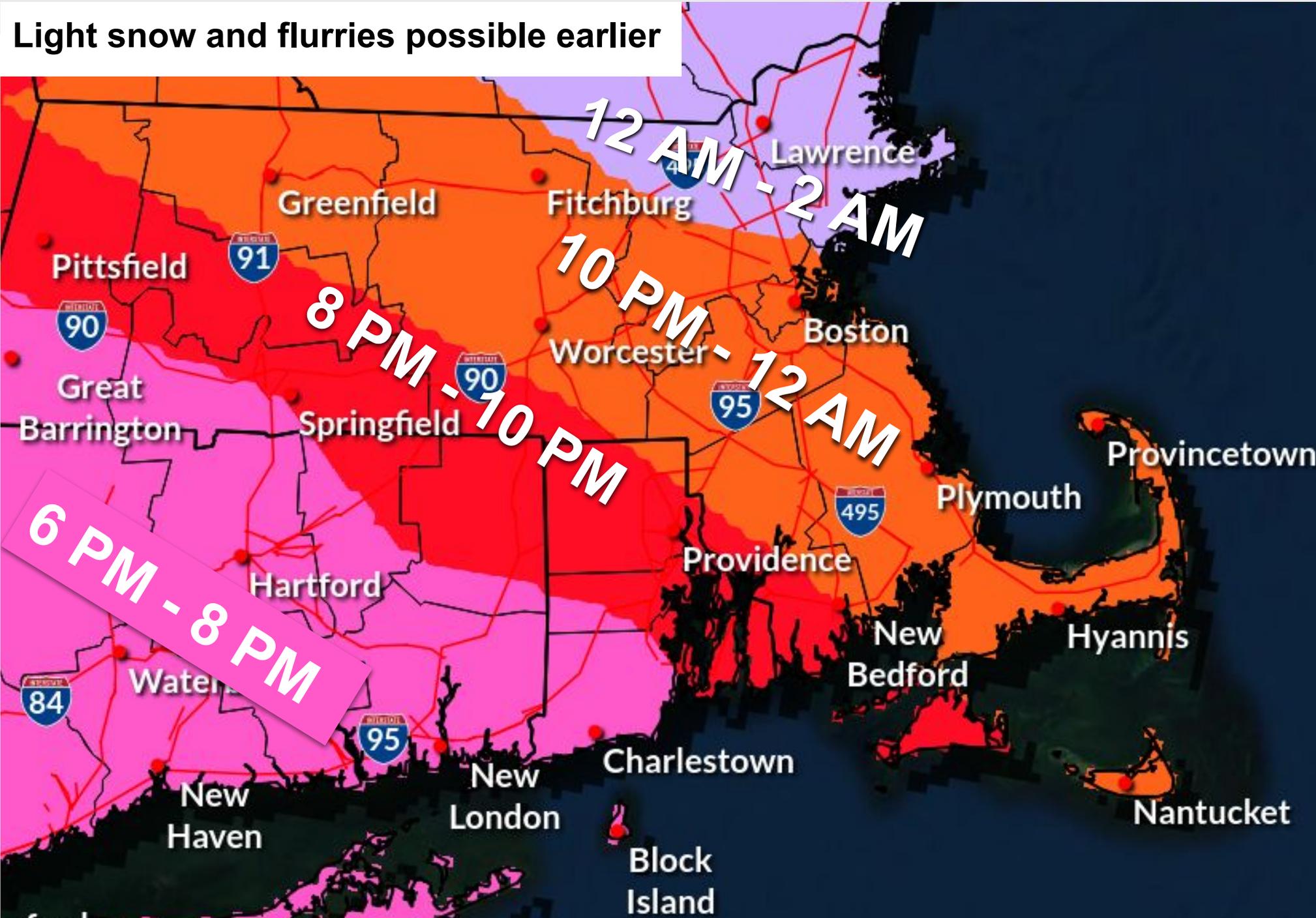
Major Impacts
Expect considerable disruptions to daily life.
Dangerous or impossible driving conditions. Avoid travel if possible.
Widespread closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.





Onset of Accumulating Snow - Sun Night

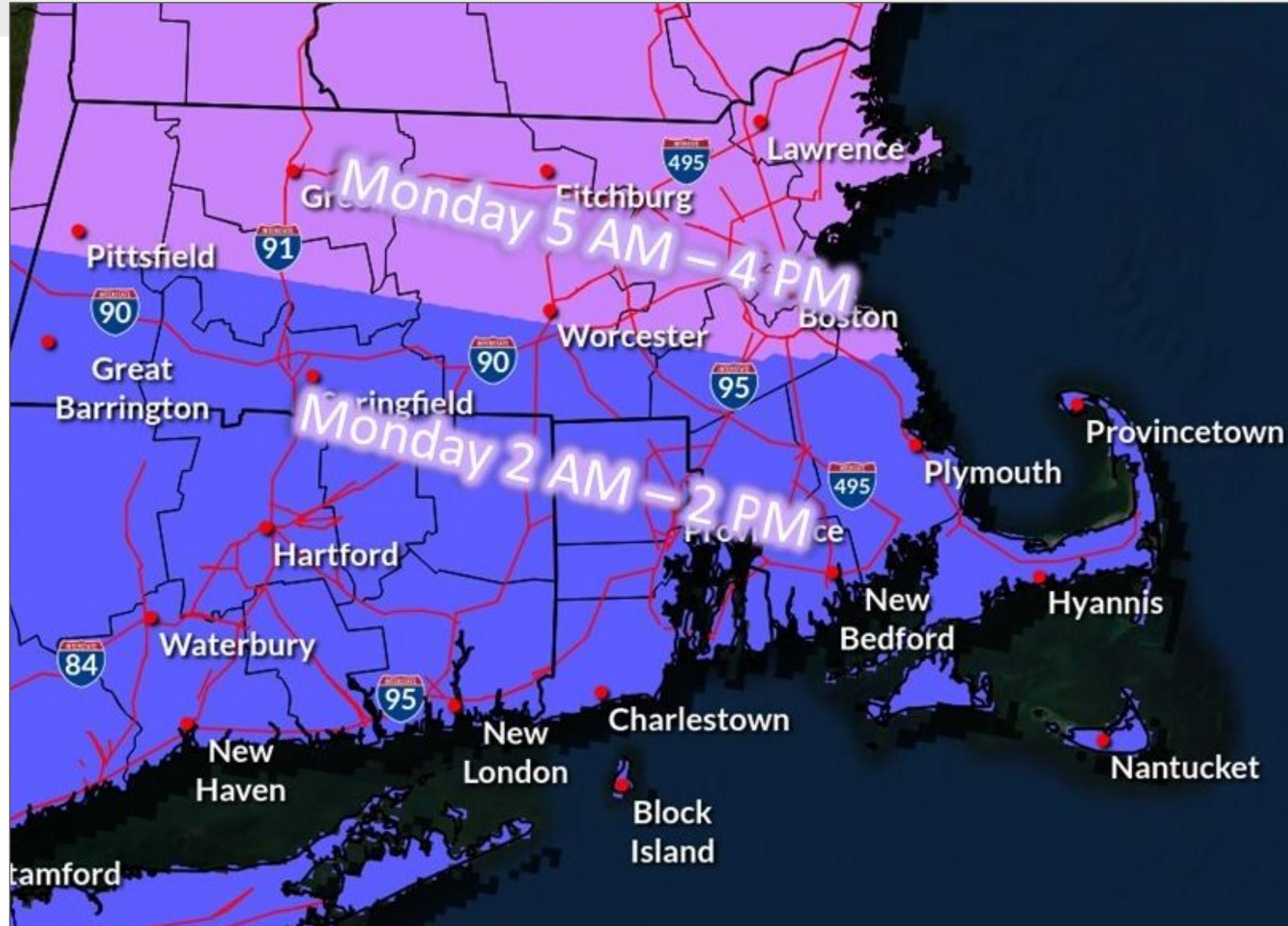
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Timing of Heaviest Snowfall (1-2"/hr, possibly 3-4"/hr)

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Strong North/Northeast Winds Expected

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- **Strong to Damaging Winds.**

- NE wind gusts 40-60 mph with a few gusts near 70 mph possible for the Cape and Nantucket.

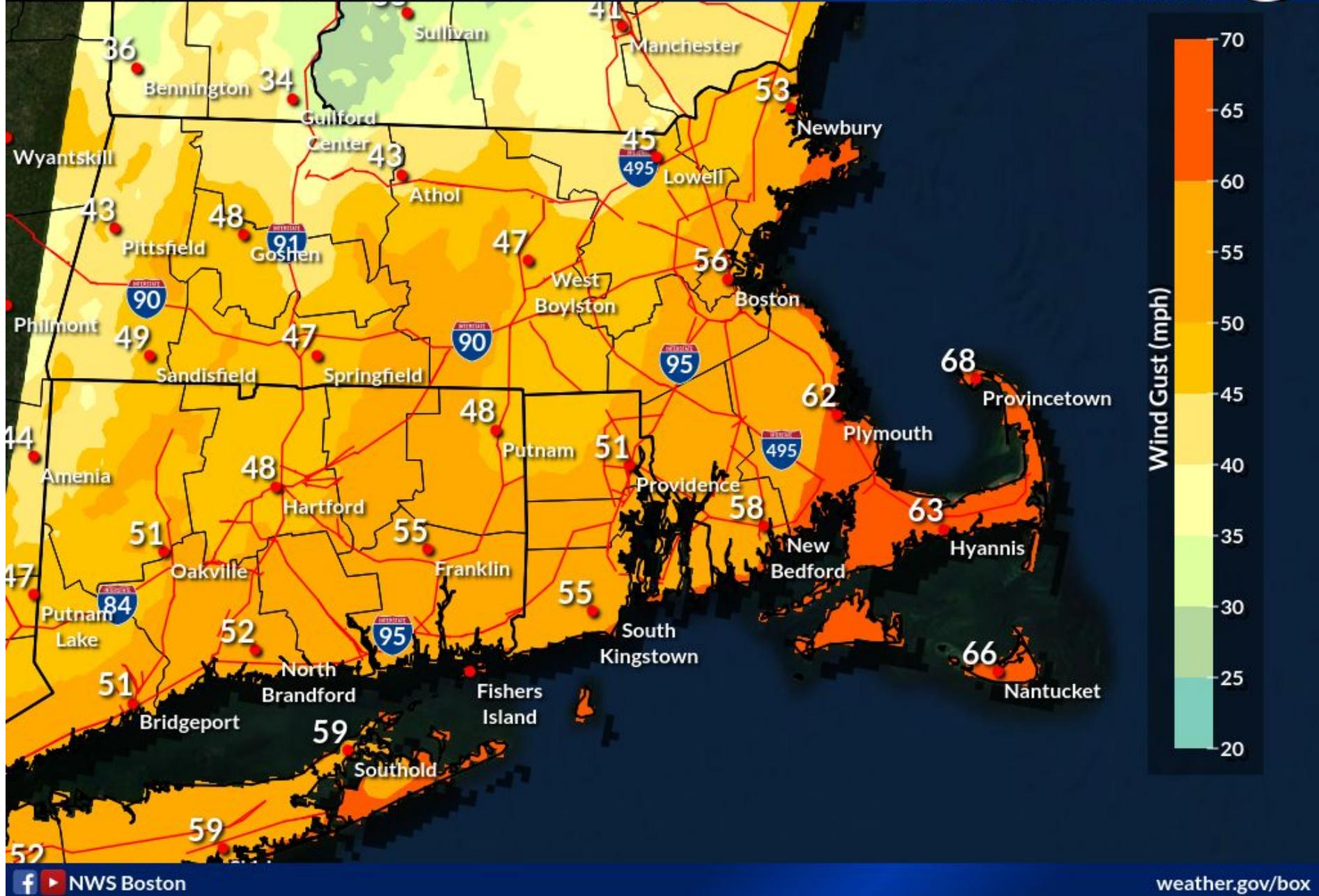
- **Timing:**

- Peak gusts 3 AM Mon-5 PM Mon

- **Impacts:**

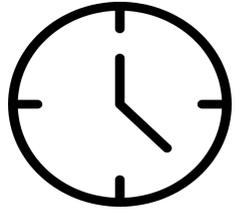
- Tree damage and power outages possible.
 - Greatest risk for eastern MA and RI with the combination of heavy wet snow.

NE Wind Gusts 40-60 MPH Perhaps Up to 70 MPH Cape/Nantucket
Strongest Wind Gusts Monday from 3 AM to 5 PM



Coastal Flood Warning | Coastal Flood Watch

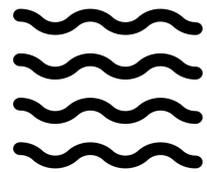
1 AM to 7 AM Monday



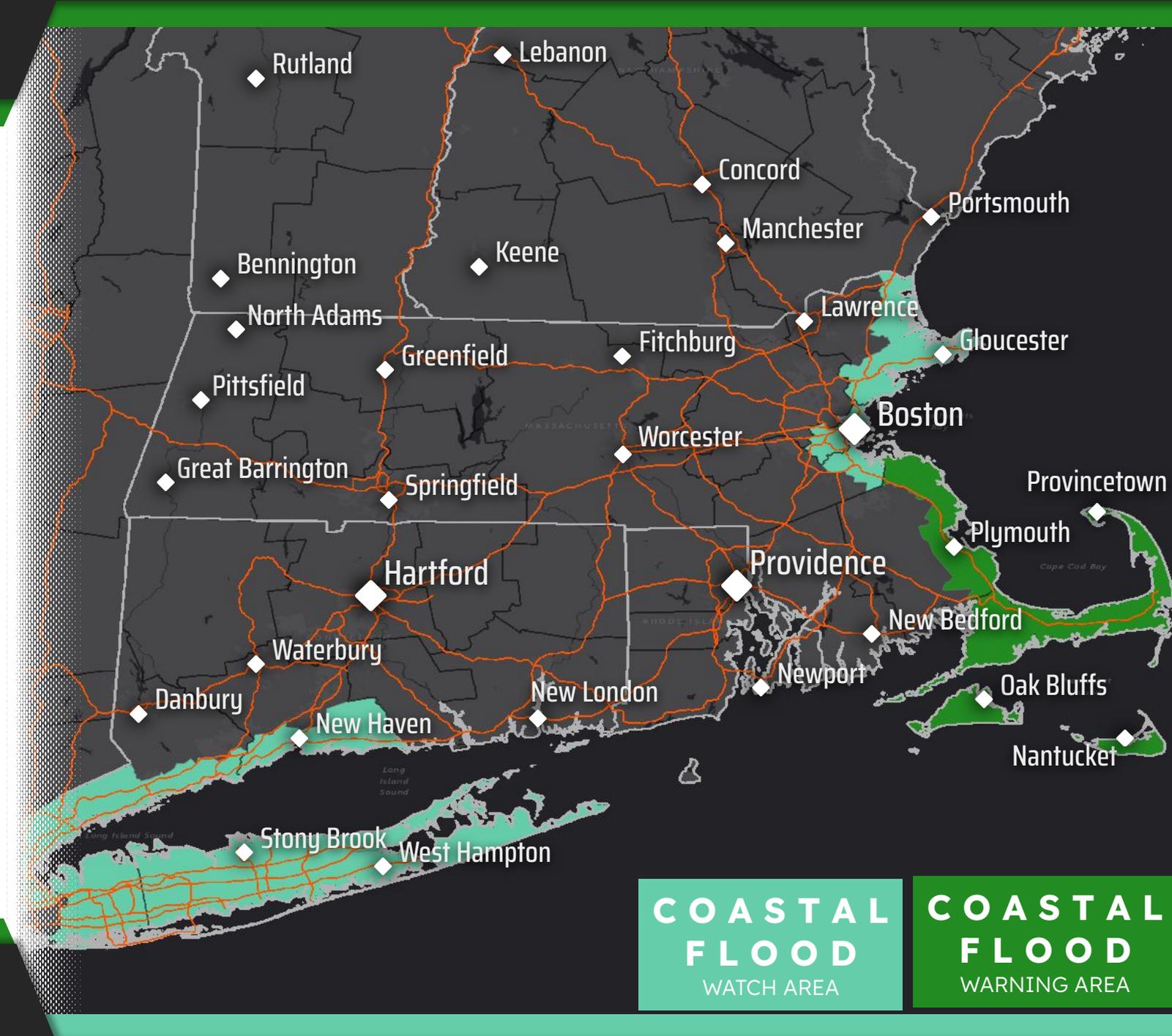
Early Mon AM & Tue High Tides
Greatest impacts Mon AM High Tide



Warning: East coast south of Boston, Nantucket.
Watch: East coast Boston and northward.



• **Beach Erosion & Coastal Inundation**



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WATCH AREA

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WARNING AREA



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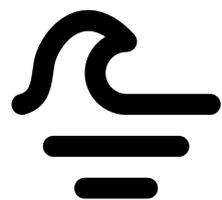
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Storm Warnings

Late Sunday and Monday.



- Storm Warnings All Waters.
- Dangerous/life threatening conditions for Mariners



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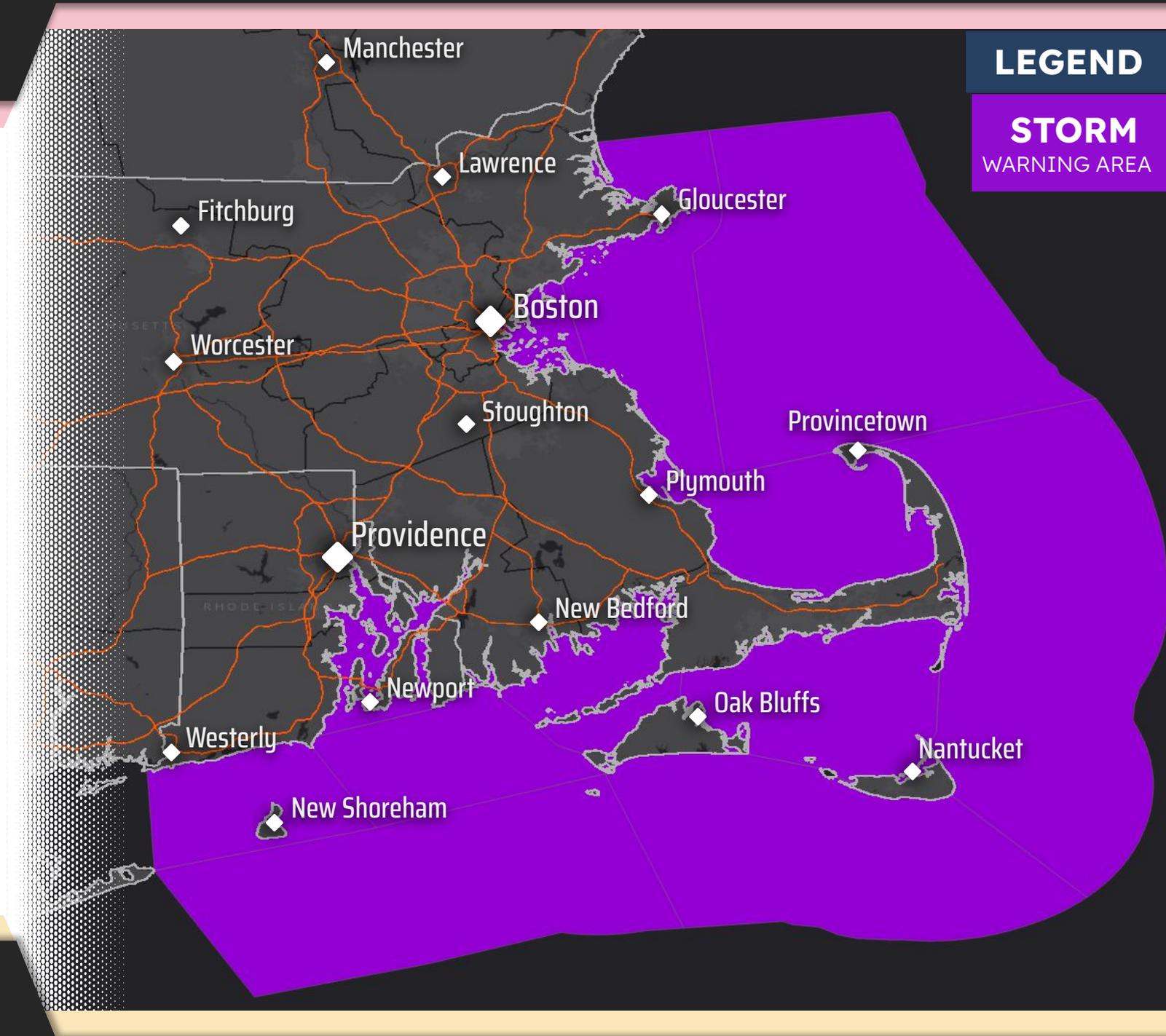
- 15-25 ft

WIND

- Sustained NE 40-50 knots, gusts to 60 knots



- Mariners should return to port this is a very dangerous storm.
- Storm force winds and hazardous seas could capsize or damage vessels and reduce visibility.



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