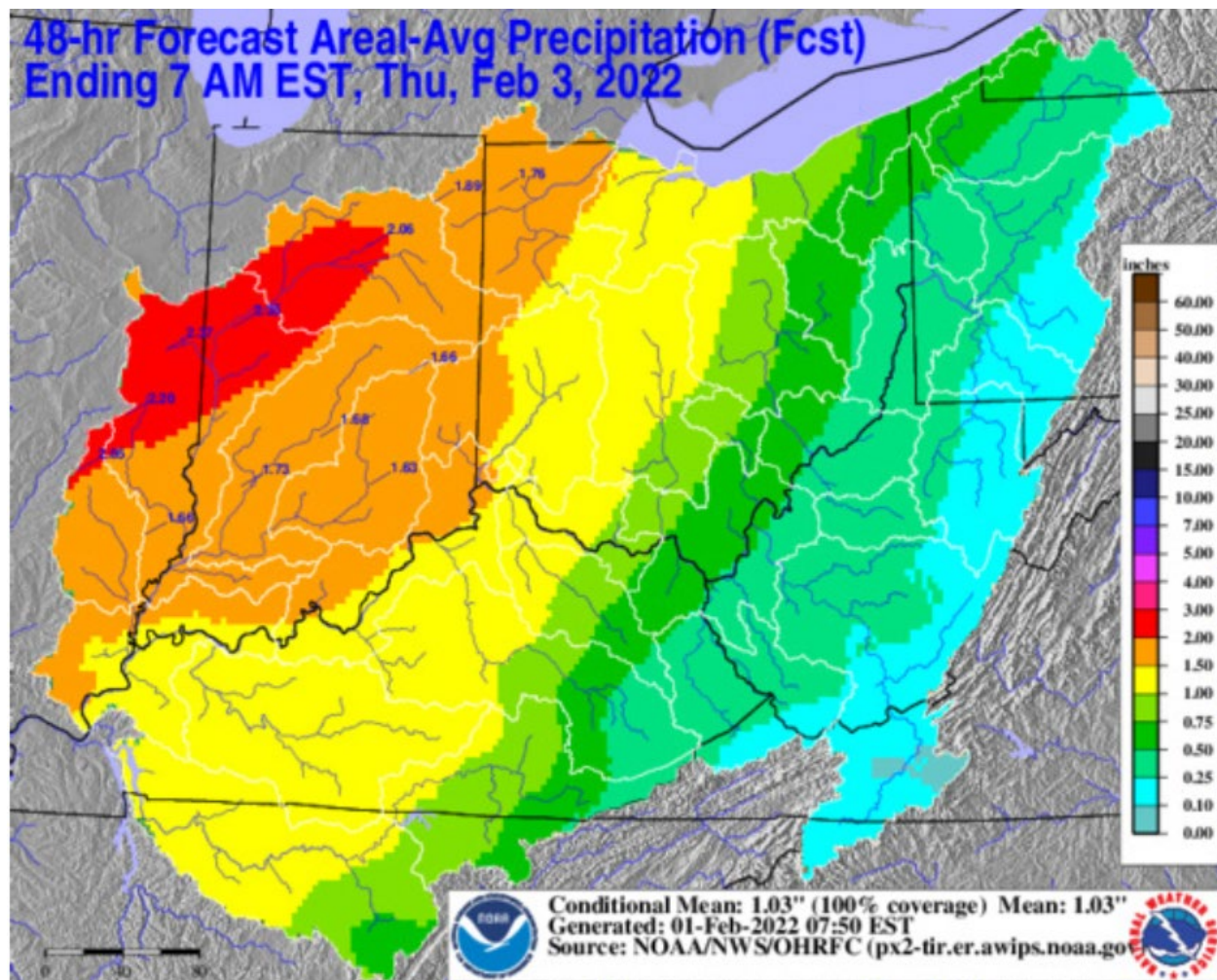


Ohio EMA has issued a steady state advisory for winter weather forecasted for the next 48 hours by National Weather Service. The Ohio Department of Health is forwarding this message as a courtesy.

Forecast Winter Weather—Ohio Ohio EMA Steady State Advisory

Purpose: The purpose of this advisory is to provide awareness of the potential for severe weather forecast from Tuesday, February 1st through Friday, February 4th, 2022. There are still uncertainties regarding the system for midweek, with adjustments to the likelihood for heavy snow, mixed wintry precipitation (including ice), and rain (flooding) still likely to occur in the coming days. The severe weather (snow, ice, heavy rain) however, could also result in widespread power outages and tree damage are likely due to the ice. The hazardous conditions could impact morning and evening commute.



Forecast and Potential Threats: The National Weather Service has reported that storms present the threat of high accumulations of snow with potential for blowing and drifting, accumulations of ice that may cause damage to tree limbs and power lines, extremely cold temperatures that may exacerbate power outages, hazardous roads and travel conditions, and areal flooding particularly in south/southeast Ohio.

Timing: Rain begins Tuesday night, transitioning into wintry mix and snow on Wednesday through Thursday night and ending early Friday morning. Wind chills will likely fall below zero degrees Friday and Friday night.

Relevant Resources:

- [Wilmington Weather Brief](#)
- [Storm Prediction Center](#)
- [Weather Prediction Center](#)
- [Excessive Rainfall Forecast](#)
- [Ohio EMA STORMS](#)
- [State EOC Daily Ops Report](#)
- [WebEOC Incident: 00- OEMA-20220201-Winter Weather](#)

Public Health Takeaways: Public health guidance for severe weather and flooding is provided below. ODH recommends posting this information to your website to make it available to your community.

Severe Weather and Flooding Guidance: If you need any guidance or technical assistance from ODH Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection, please call 1-800-200-2526. The Ohio Department of Health has fact sheets posted on the ODH website that may be provided to food services, businesses, and the public:

- **Flood Safety:**
 - <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/2017/floodwater>
- **Food Safety Fact Sheets:**
 - <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/foods/sub/Resources%20and%20Fact%20Sheets.aspx>.
 - When in doubt, throw it out!
 - <https://www.foodsafety.gov/blog/2015/05/power-outage.html>
- **Sewage Treatment Systems Fact Sheets:**
 - <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/eh/sewage/STSpages/owner1.aspx>
- **Private Water Systems Fact Sheets:**
 - <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/odhprograms/eh/water/pwstypes/wells>
- **Generator Safety:**
 - https://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/portable_generator_safety.pdf

Additional Information: Ohio EMA has been in communication with local EMAs. Please follow up with your local EMA for additional information.

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