First Winter Storm of the Season

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Key Messages

- Long duration winter storm to affect the area Thanksgiving Weekend, starting Friday evening and ending by early Sunday morning.
- Travel will be impacted late Friday night through Sunday morning.
- A transition to a wintry mix is possible on Saturday, mainly for southern areas.

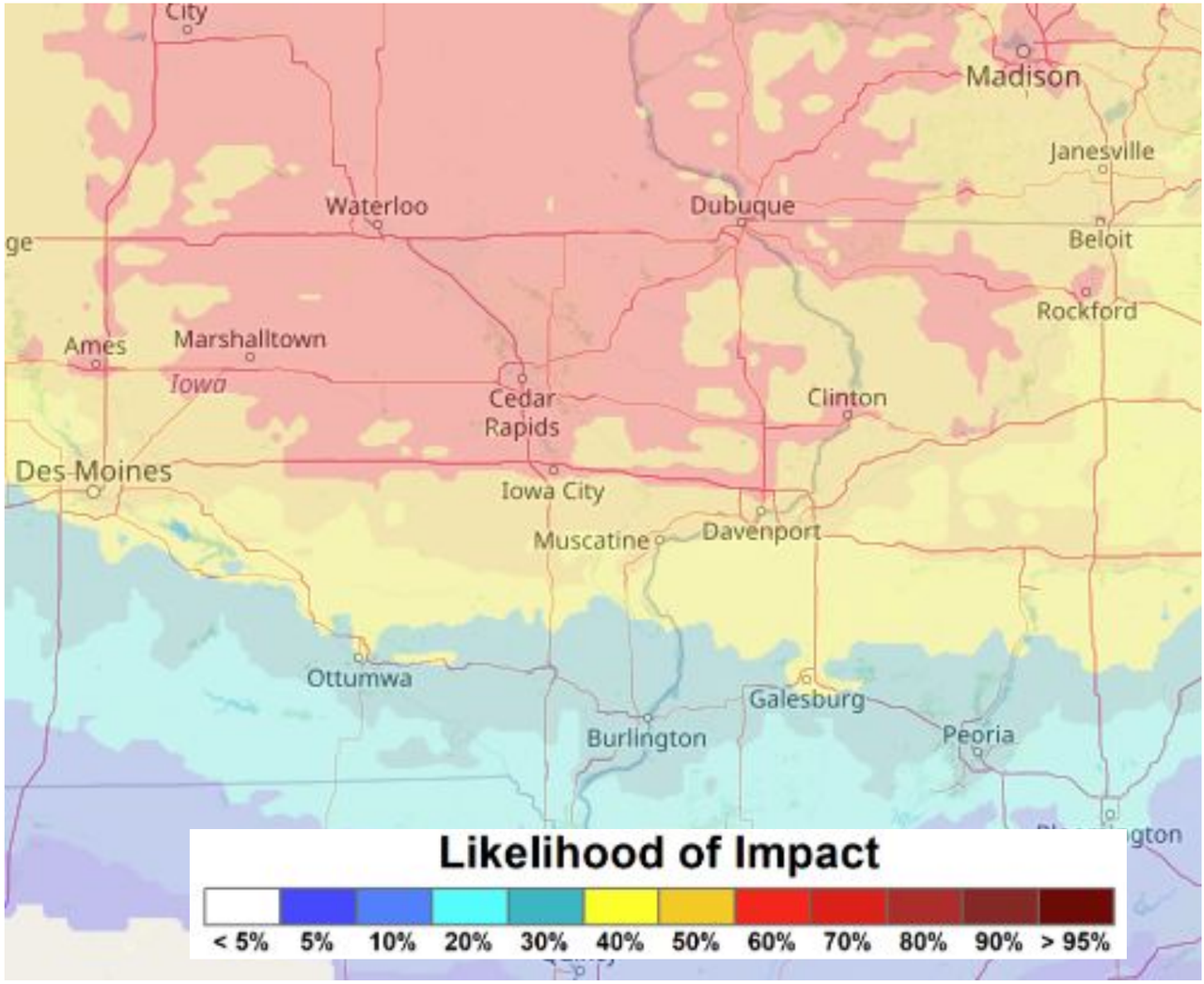
NEW What Has Changed

- First Issuance

Next Scheduled Update

- 6 AM Thursday

Probability for Moderate Impacts Sat Noon to Sun Noon



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Forecast Confidence

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Forecaster Insight

What We Know

- Accumulating snow is likely Friday night through Saturday night.
- Travel impacts are expected due to snow-covered roads.
- Snowfall rates are likely to remain below 1 inch an hour for much of the event.

What Is More Uncertain

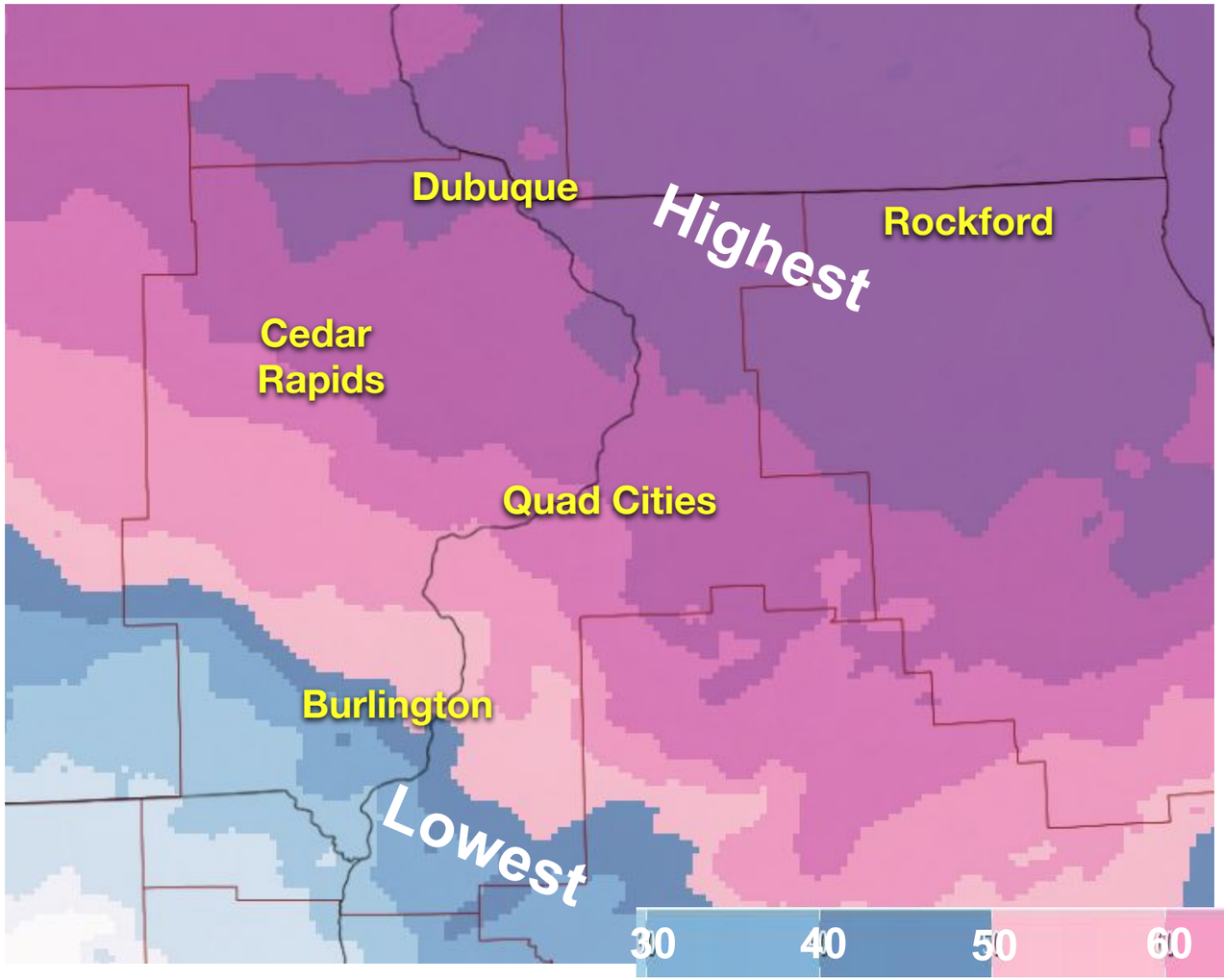
- Snowfall Amounts:
  - One model suite has increased amounts. Will need to see if others follow suit before increasing amounts more.
- A transition to a wintry mix is possible on Saturday, especially south of I-80, although the exact location of the rain/snow line remains uncertain.

Forecast Snowfall Probabilities

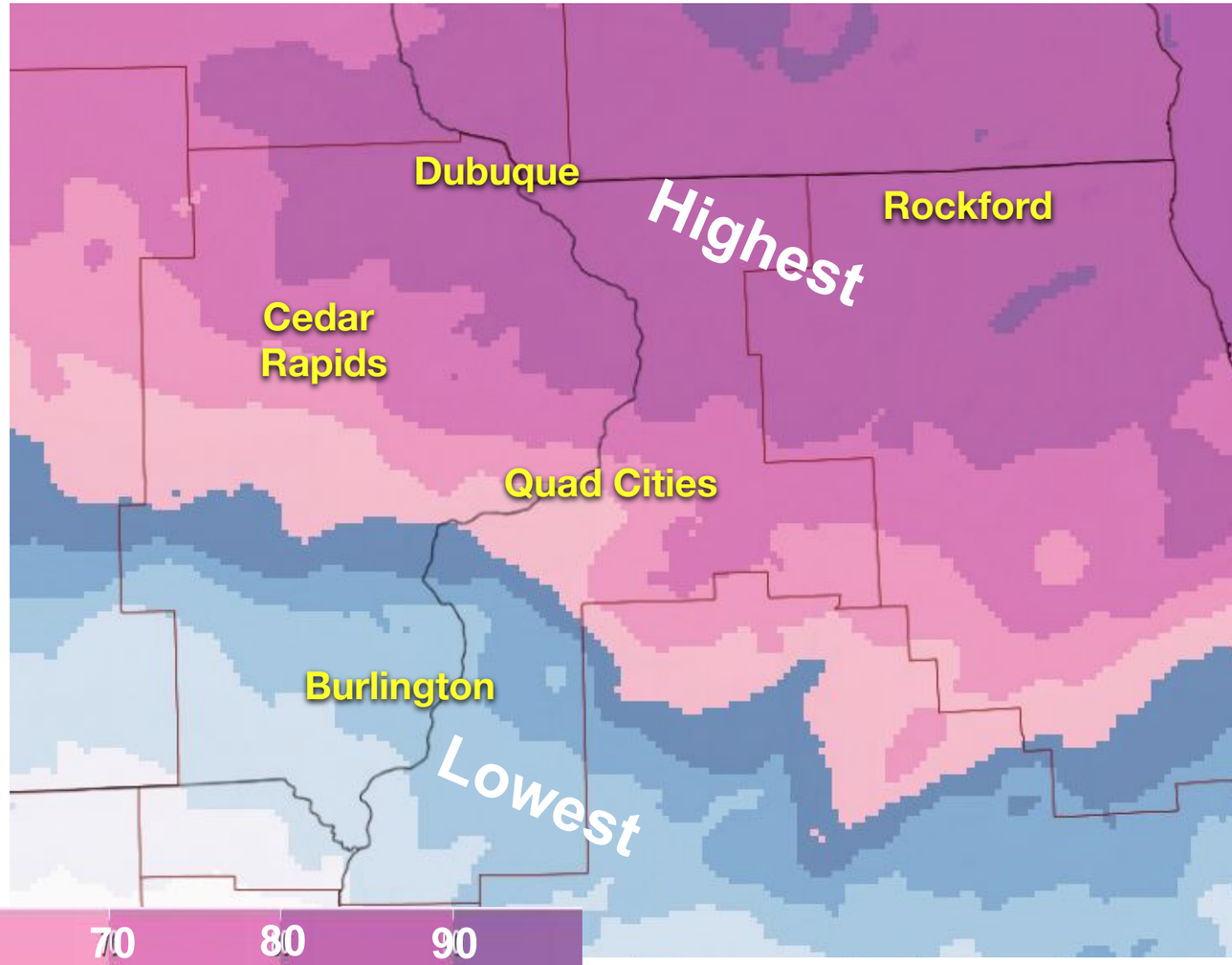
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Highest potential for significant accumulations is mainly north of Highway 34

Probability for 4+” of snow



Probability for 6+” of snow



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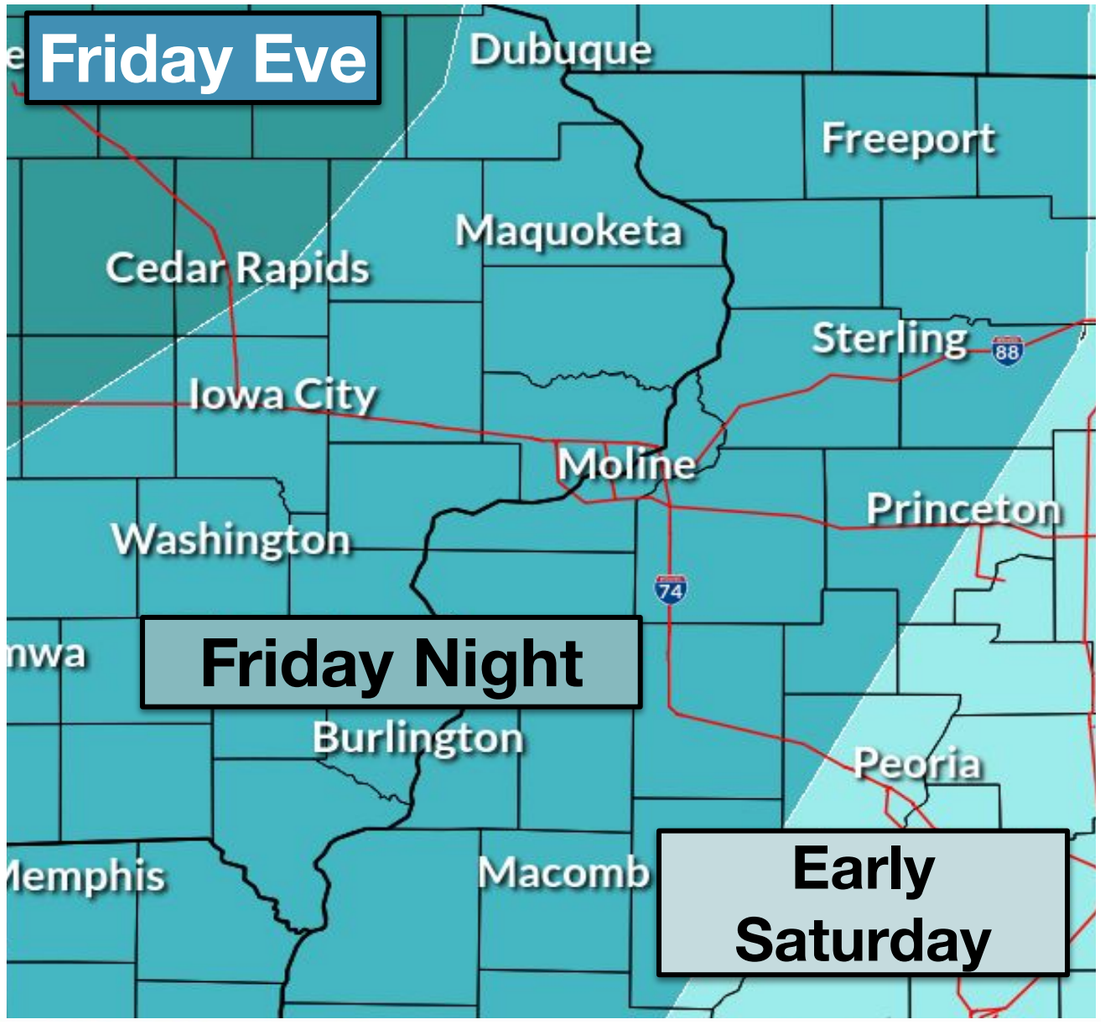
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Estimated Snow Timing

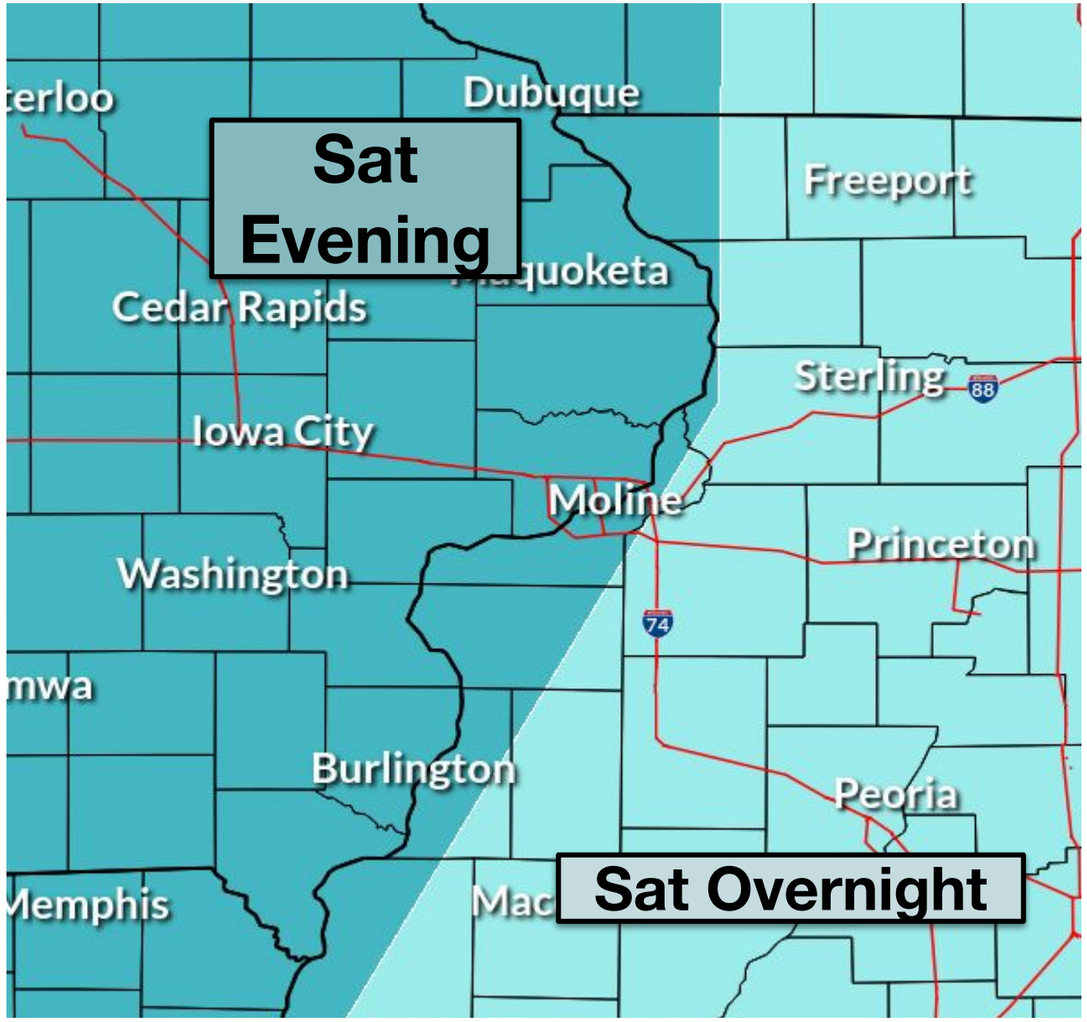
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Worst Impacts Expected Late Friday Night Through Saturday Afternoon

Start Time



End Time



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Snow Covered Roads = Take it Slow!

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Winter Storm Planning Timeline

A few days out

If the forecast calls for winter weather, start preparing now.

- Have emergency supplies for your home & car
- Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Replenish fuel for your car and heating sources

The day before

Forecast accuracy continues to improve, so keep checking the latest.

- Adjust plans
- Have multiple ways to receive Warnings
- Bring pets indoors and ensure they have water

During & After

Remain vigilant and stay informed. Drive only if necessary.

- Check on neighbors and family
- Properly ventilate emergency heat sources
- Keep generators at least 20 feet from your home
- Take it easy when shoveling

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- Illinois - gettingaroundillinois.com
- Missouri - traveler.modot.org
- Wisconsin - 511wi.gov



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