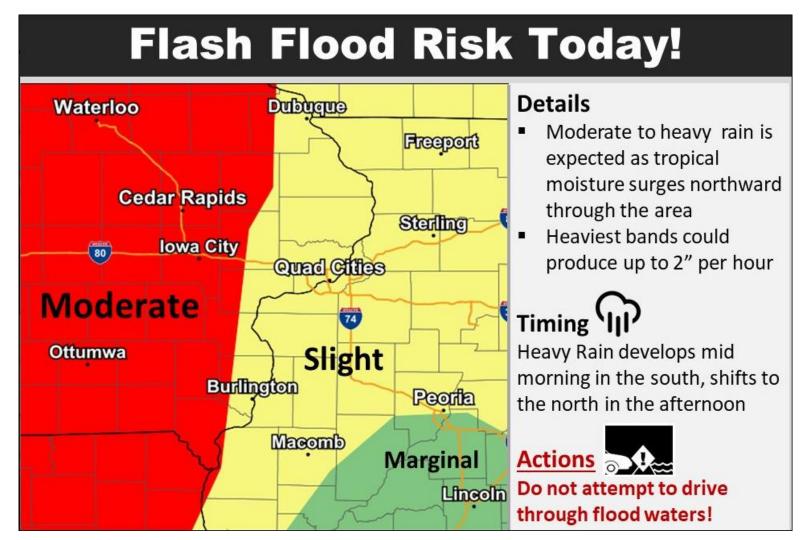
# **Heavy Rain from Post-Tropical System Cristobal**

## **Key Points**

- Periods of heavy rain are likely today as tropical moisture surges into the area. Localized flash flooding is possible with hourly rainfall rates up to 2" in the heaviest bands.
- There is a *low risk for a few brief spin up tornadoes*.

## NEW Important Forecast Changes

The western portion of the outlook area has been upgraded to a **Moderate Risk for flash flooding**. Widespread amounts of 1 to 3 inches are anticipated in this area; isolated amounts of 4 - 5 inches are possible.





# **Heavy Rain from Post-Tropical System Cristobal**

## **Additional Details**

## **Timing**

- Heavy rain will spread into northeast Missouri, southeast Iowa and west central Illinois this morning. This area of rain will spread northward across all of eastern Iowa and northwest Illinois through the afternoon.
- Heavy rainfall in most locations will be limited to a 2 to 4 hour period.

## **Potential Impacts**

- A widespread 1 to 3 inches of rain (isolated near 4 inches) in the Flash Flood Watch area could result in localized flash flooding, lowland areal flooding, and rises on river levels. \*\*\*Rainfall amounts will vary significantly in counties along and east of the Mississippi River with some locations receiving under 0.50" and others 1" or more\*\*\*
- Rises are likely for rivers and creeks across northeast Missouri and eastern lowa, while the degree of rise and potential for flooding will depend on the exact location of the heaviest rainfall
- The Mississippi River may see rises later this week.

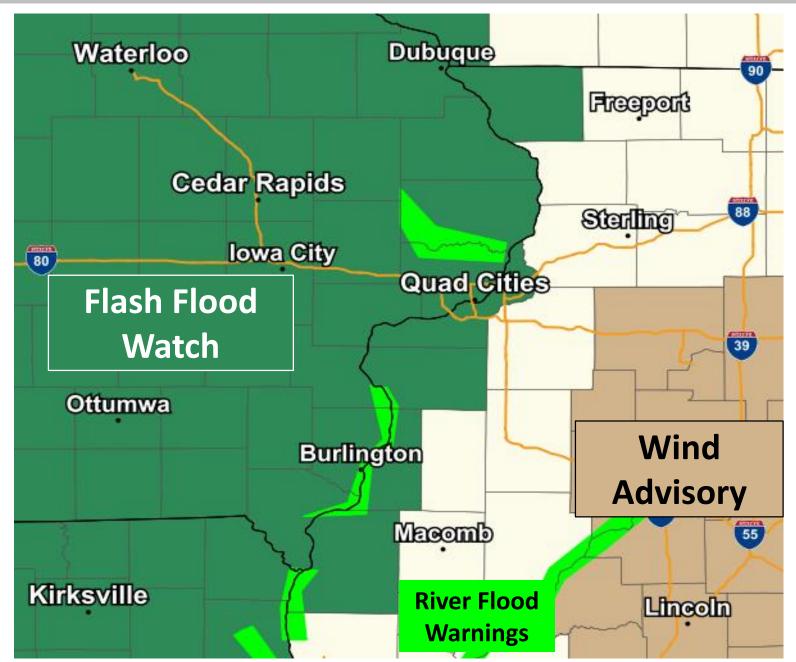
### Confidence

- High on bands of heavy rain impacting portions of the outlook area
- **Moderate** on the exact placement of the heaviest rain amounts (2 4"). The favored location for the higher amounts and flash flooding is in the Moderate flash flood risk area.



# **Today's Headlines**

## Flash Flood Watch and Wind Advisory



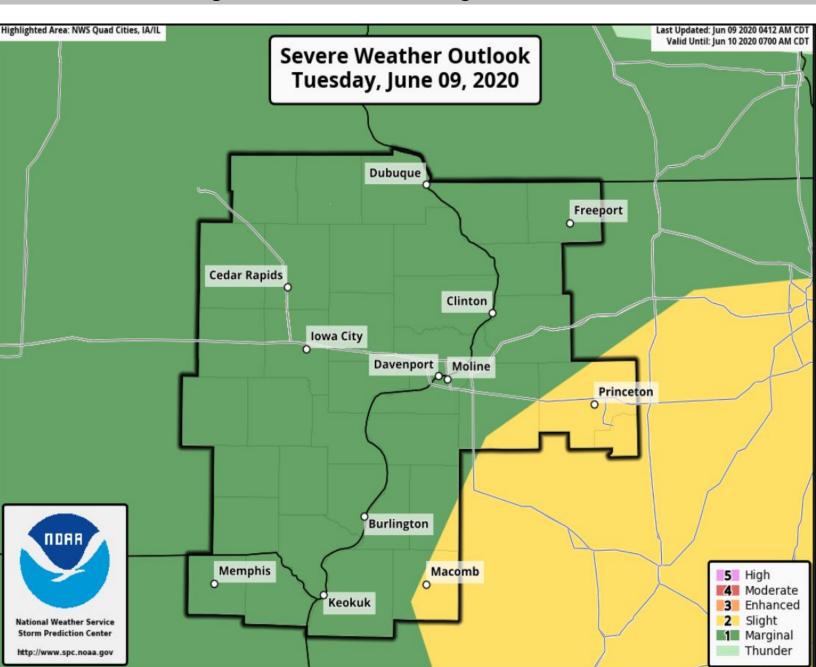
### **Details**

- Flash Flood Watch: Up to 2" per hour rates are possible, heaviest rain of 1-3" west of Mississippi River. Isolated 4 5" possible well west of Mississippi R.
- Windy Advisory: East to southeast winds gusting 40 to 50 mph, turning southwest this afternoon



# **Severe Thunderstorm Outlook**

Slight Risk Southeast, Marginal to the West



#### **Details**

 A few brief tornadoes are possible through the afternoon as scattered thunderstorms move from south to north through northeast Missouri, eastern Iowa, and northwest Illinois.



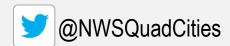
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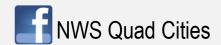
#### **Forecast Links**

Weather Story
Graphical Hazardous Weather
Outlook

### **Conditions and Reports**

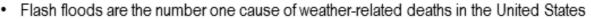
Radar
Area Road Conditions
Local Storm Reports (Text | Map)
Submit a Storm Report





### Flash Flood Quick Facts and Preparedness:

#### Quick facts you should know about flash flooding:



- Flash floods can develop within minutes or may take hours to develop in any given location depending on the intensity and duration of the rain, the topography, soil conditions, and ground cover.
- · A flash flood is a rapid rise of water along a stream or low-lying area.
- Flash floods can roll large boulders, tear out trees, destroy buildings and bridges, and can scour out new channels.
- Flash flood producing rains can also trigger catastrophic mud slides.
- · Rapidly rising water can reach heights of 30 feet or more.
- It only takes 6 inches of fast-moving water to knock you off your feet.

#### Preparedness:

Know your risk: Are you in a flood-prone area? Know your zone: www.fema.gov/flood-zones

- If you are camping, know where you are relative to a creek or stream; they can become raging rivers
  during a flash flood with little to no warning. Have a NOAA weather radio and make sure it is tuned to the
  right transmitter. http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/Maps/index.php
- A Flash Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flash flooding. Time to prepare!
- A Flash Flood Warning is issued when flash flooding is imminent or occurring. Time to act!

Never drive into flood waters! Turn around, don't drown!



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