

The Active Pattern Continues Through Friday

April 15, 2026

5:06 AM

Key Messages

- **Slight Risk (level 2 of 5)** for severe storms this afternoon into tonight area-wide. **All modes of severe weather will be possible.**
- A break from thunderstorms is expected on Thursday!
- There is an **Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5)** for severe storms for much of the area on Friday as a strong cold front moves through. *The primary threats appear to be damaging straight-line winds and isolated tornadoes.*

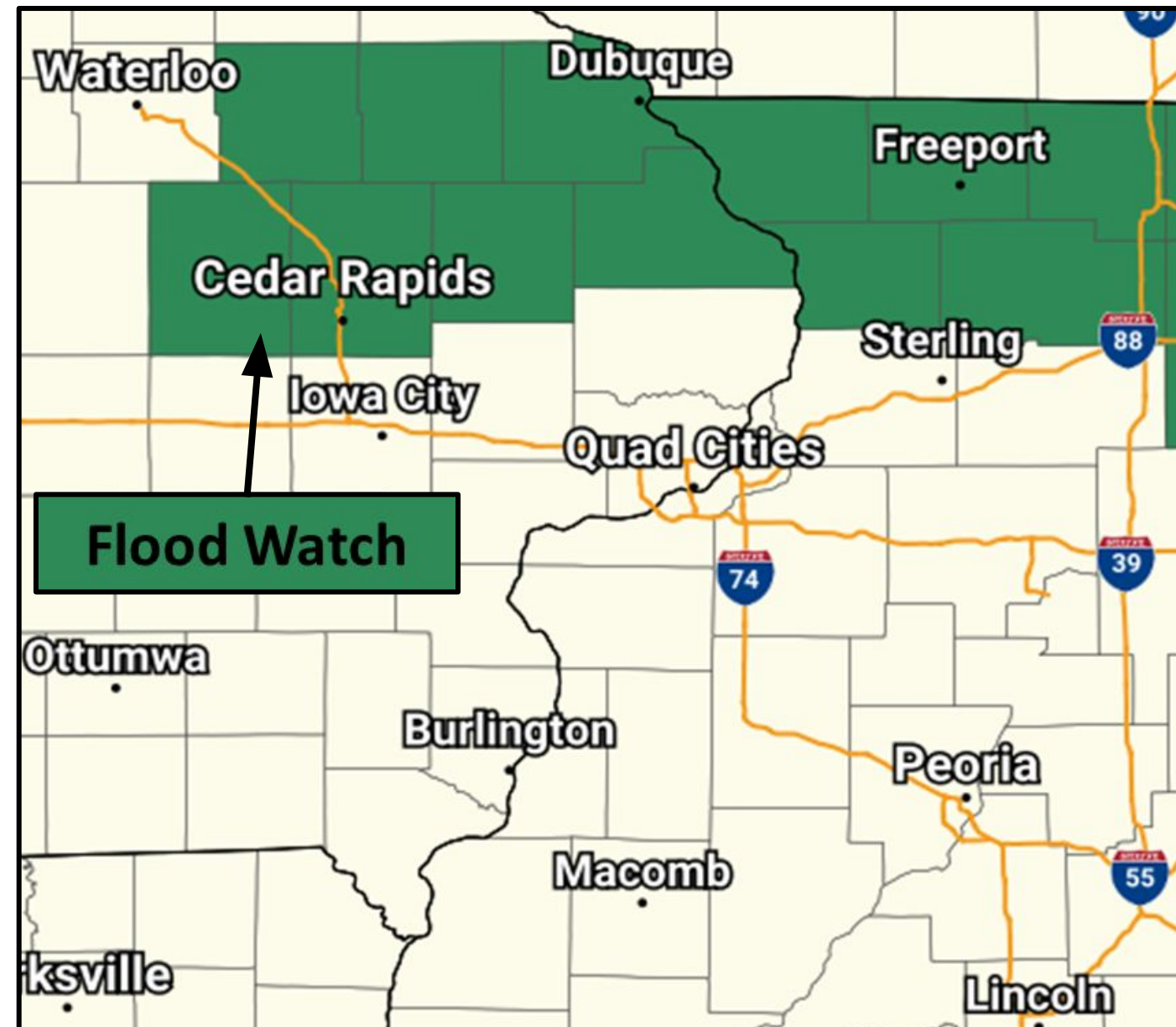
NEW

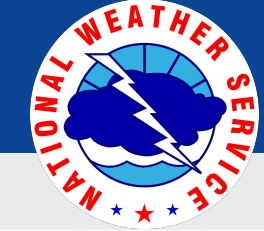
What Has Changed

- A **Flood Watch** has been issued across the northern section of the outlook area for potential localized flash flooding today into tonight.

Next Scheduled Update

- By 4 PM Today.





Rounds of Storms Expected Again Today

April 15, 2026
5:06 AM CDT

Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) for severe storms area-wide

Severe Threat:

0

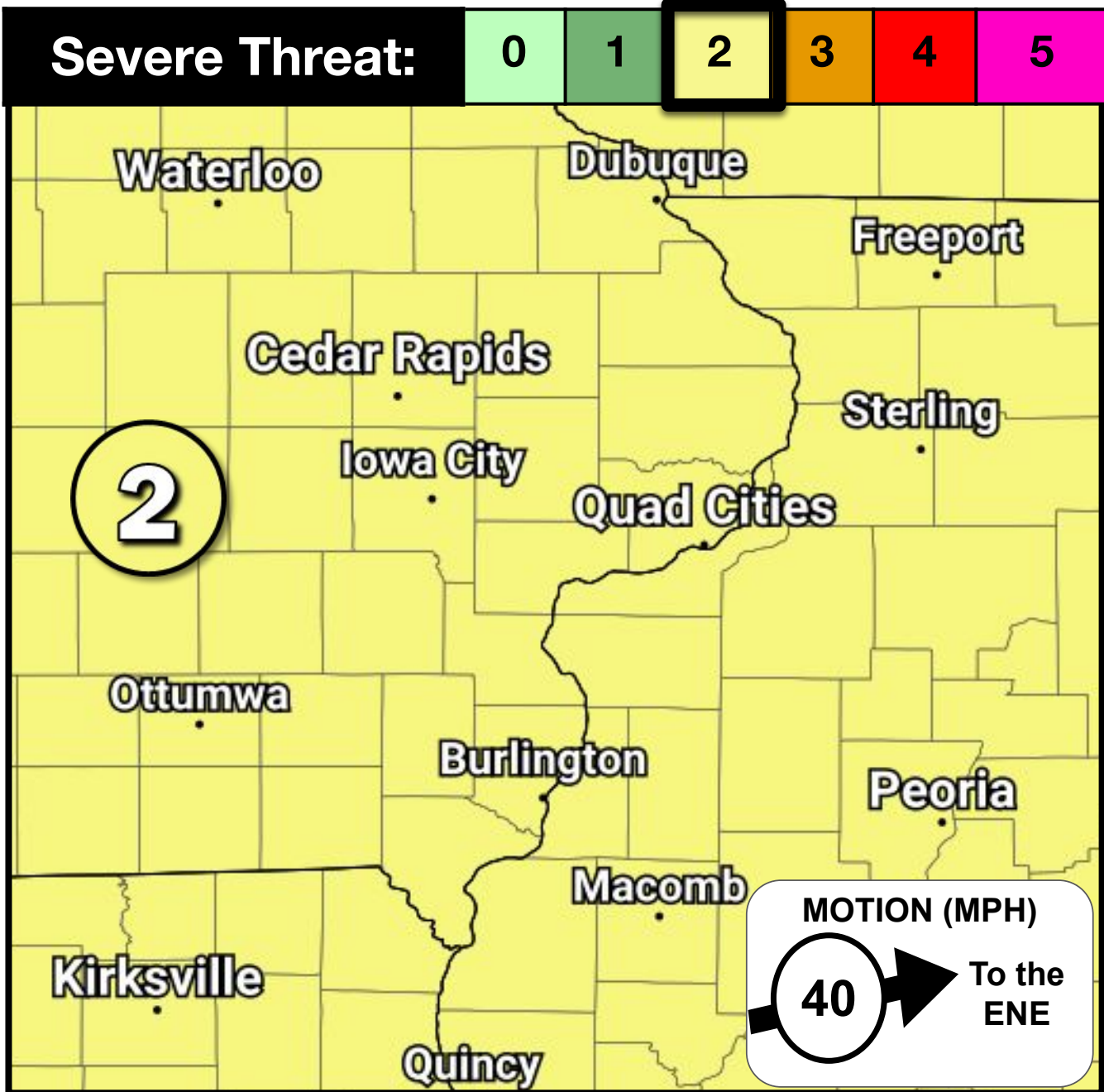
1

2

3

4

5



Latest Information

- A cold front moves into the area from the west this afternoon into tonight, leading to another chance for strong to severe thunderstorms.
- **Timing the Storms**
 - **Round 1: 12 - 5 PM** (Isolated to scattered coverage)
 - **Round 2: 5 - 11 PM** (Potential for higher coverage, with a line of storms moving in from the west)

Storm Threats



Damaging Winds
Gusts 60+ mph



Localized Flash Flooding
Especially in areas that recently received heavy rainfall



Very Large Hail
Up to 2" diameter



Tornadoes
A few possible

Actions

- Have multiple ways to receive warnings!
- Seek shelter if you hear thunder!





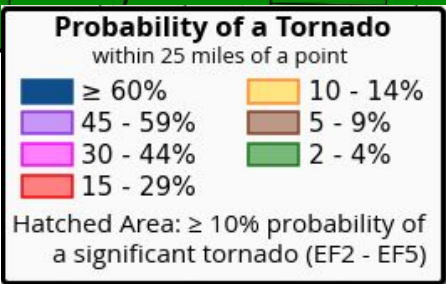
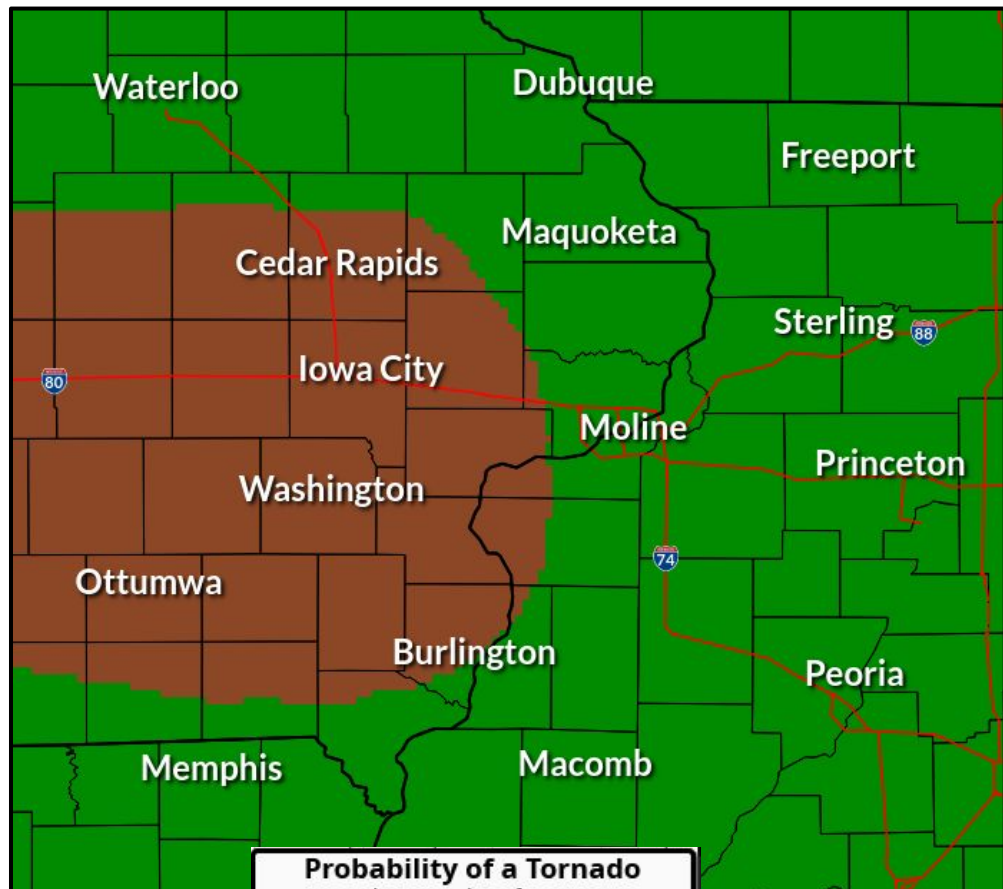
Severe Weather Threats Today (4/15)

April 15, 2026
5:06 AM



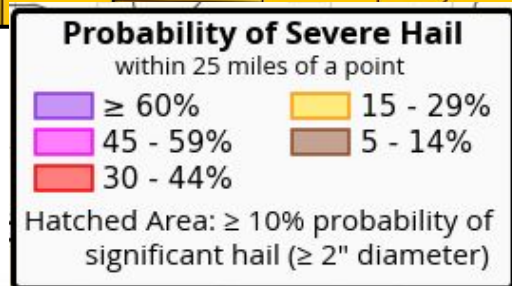
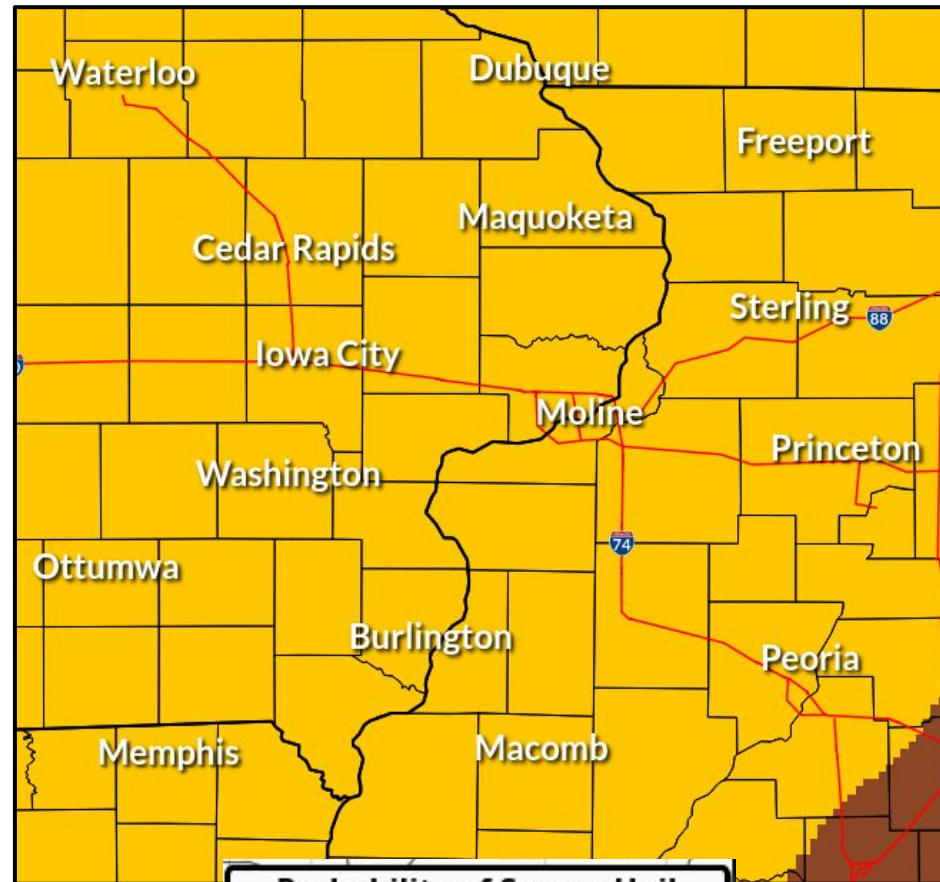
Tornadoes

A few possible



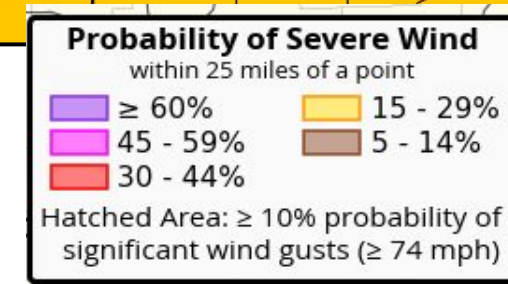
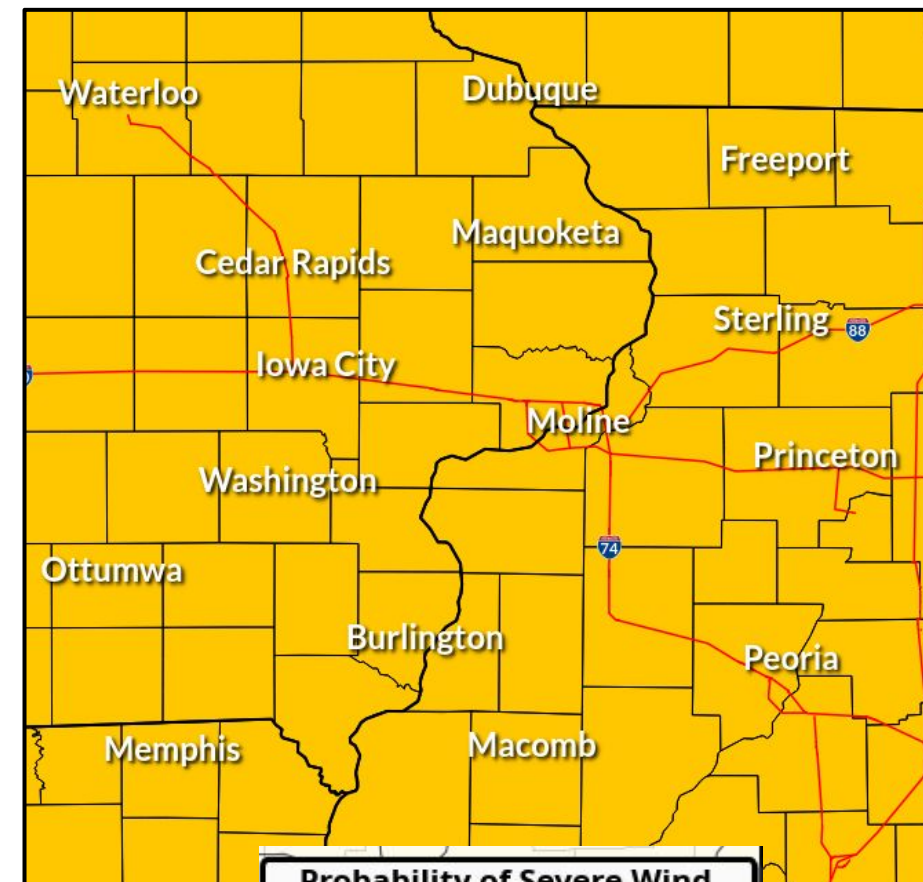
Large Hail

Up to 2" diameter possible



Damaging Winds

Capable of downing large branches





Localized Flash Flooding Possible Today

April 15, 2026
5:06 AM

Level 2 of 4 Risk across eastern counties

Details

- Rounds of scattered thunderstorms are expected today, lasting into tonight bringing locally heavy rainfall
- **Hardest hit areas could receive 1 - 3" of rain** from this morning through midnight tonight



A Flood Watch is in effect approximately along and north of Highway 30 through late tonight

Threats

Repeated Rounds of Heavy Rainfall

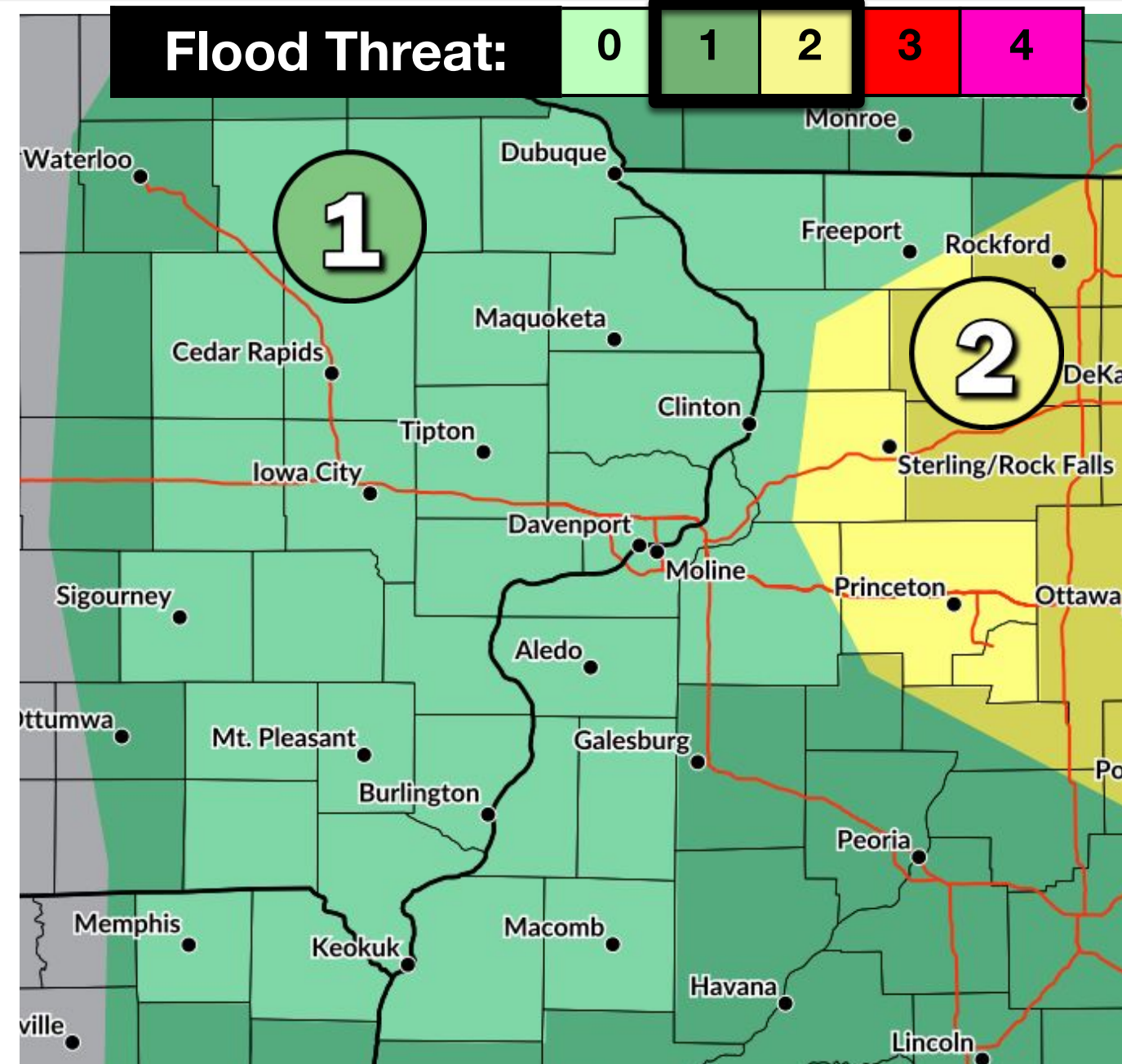
May flood roads, low-lying areas, fields, and basements, and cause rapid stream/creek rises



Rising River Levels

Actions

- ✓ Check river observations & forecasts at water.noaa.gov
- ✓ NEVER drive or walk across flooded roads





Severe Storms Possible on Friday

April 15, 2026
5:06 AM

Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5) for counties roughly along and east of the Mississippi River

Latest Information

Friday Late Afternoon into Friday Night

- A strong cold front moving through the midwest will bring another round of strong to severe thunderstorms to portions of eastern Iowa, northwest Illinois, and northeast Missouri
- Estimated timing for storms locally is during the evening into the nighttime

Primary Hazards

 Damaging Winds

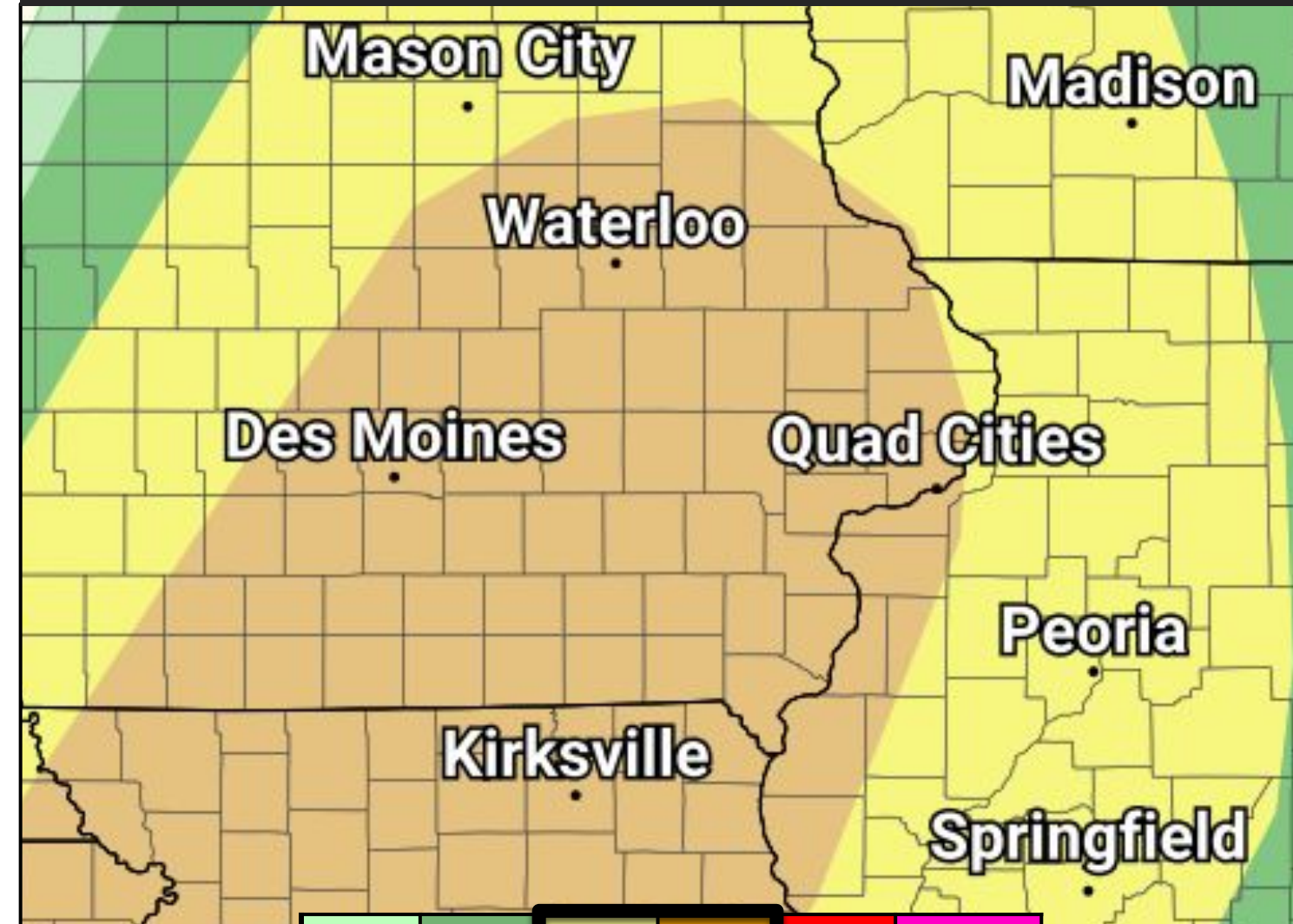
 Localized Flash Flooding

 Isolated Tornadoes

Actions

- Know ahead of time where you will take shelter if severe weather approaches your location!

Friday's Severe Weather Risk (4/17)



STORM PLANNING TIMELINE

A few days out

If the forecast calls for severe weather in a few days, start preparing now.



Make sure that you have emergency supplies



Know your safe places



Have a family communication plan

The day before

The day before, forecast accuracy continues to improve.



Adjust plans



Make sure your phone can receive WEAs



Ensure your shelter is clean and accessible

The day of

Remain vigilant and aware of any active Watches. A Warning may be issued at a moment's notice!



Remind your family of the communication plan



Know how to evacuate and/or get to safety from wherever you are



When a Warning is issued, you may only have seconds to take action!

Severe Weather Reminders

Be Weather Aware!

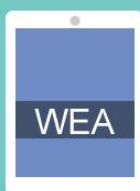
6 WAYS to receive a warning



NOAA Weather Radio



Local TV and Radio



Wireless Emergency Alerts & Weather Apps



Outdoor Sirens



Internet Sites

mobile.weather.gov



From Your Friends, Family and Coworkers



weather.gov

Severe Weather can escalate quickly.

While the possibility of tornadoes can be forecast ahead of time, they can form in minutes, day or night. Will you be prepared?



Set up a way to get weather warnings any time of day



When alerted to a tornado, quickly get to a storm shelter or basement



If underground shelter isn't available, get to an interior hall away from windows



weather.gov



[Lightning Safety](#)
[Flooding Safety](#)

[Severe Weather Safety](#)
[Rivers & Lakes Info](#)



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Quad Cities, IA/IL