



# Arctic Outbreak and Snow to Impact the Area

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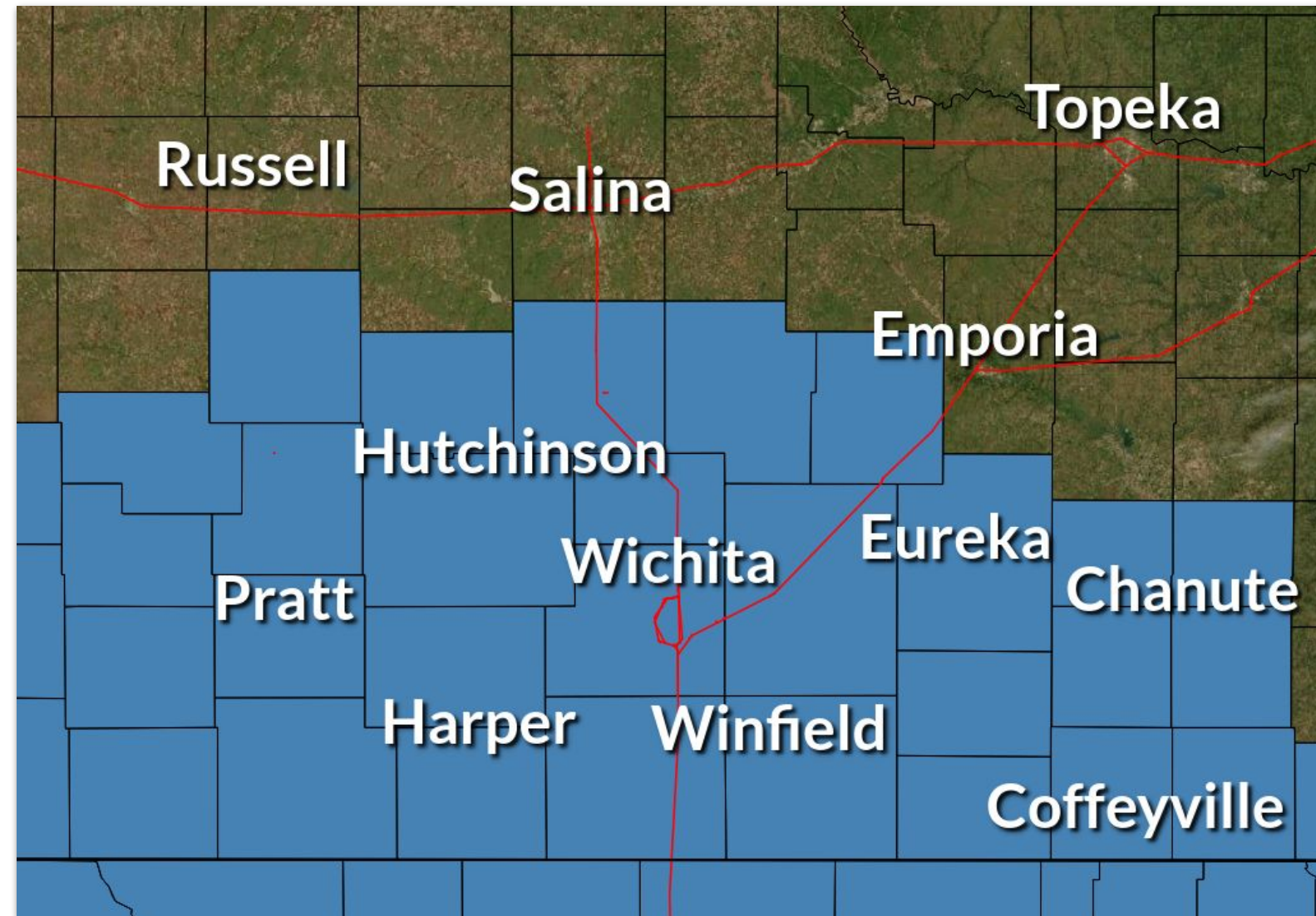
## Key Messages

- An **Arctic Outbreak** will bring extremely cold temperatures to the region for Friday-Sunday
- **Dangerous Cold Wind Chills** of -10F to -20F are expected, especially for Saturday and Sunday mornings
- **Accumulating Snowfall** will also affect much of the region with southern Kansas having better chances for the highest snowfall amounts

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## What Has Changed

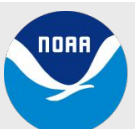
- The Winter Storm Watch has been extended northward. An Extreme Cold Watch has been issued for the entire forecast area through Monday morning.



**Winter Storm Watch in effect  
Friday afternoon - Saturday night**

## Next Scheduled Update

- Thursday Morning



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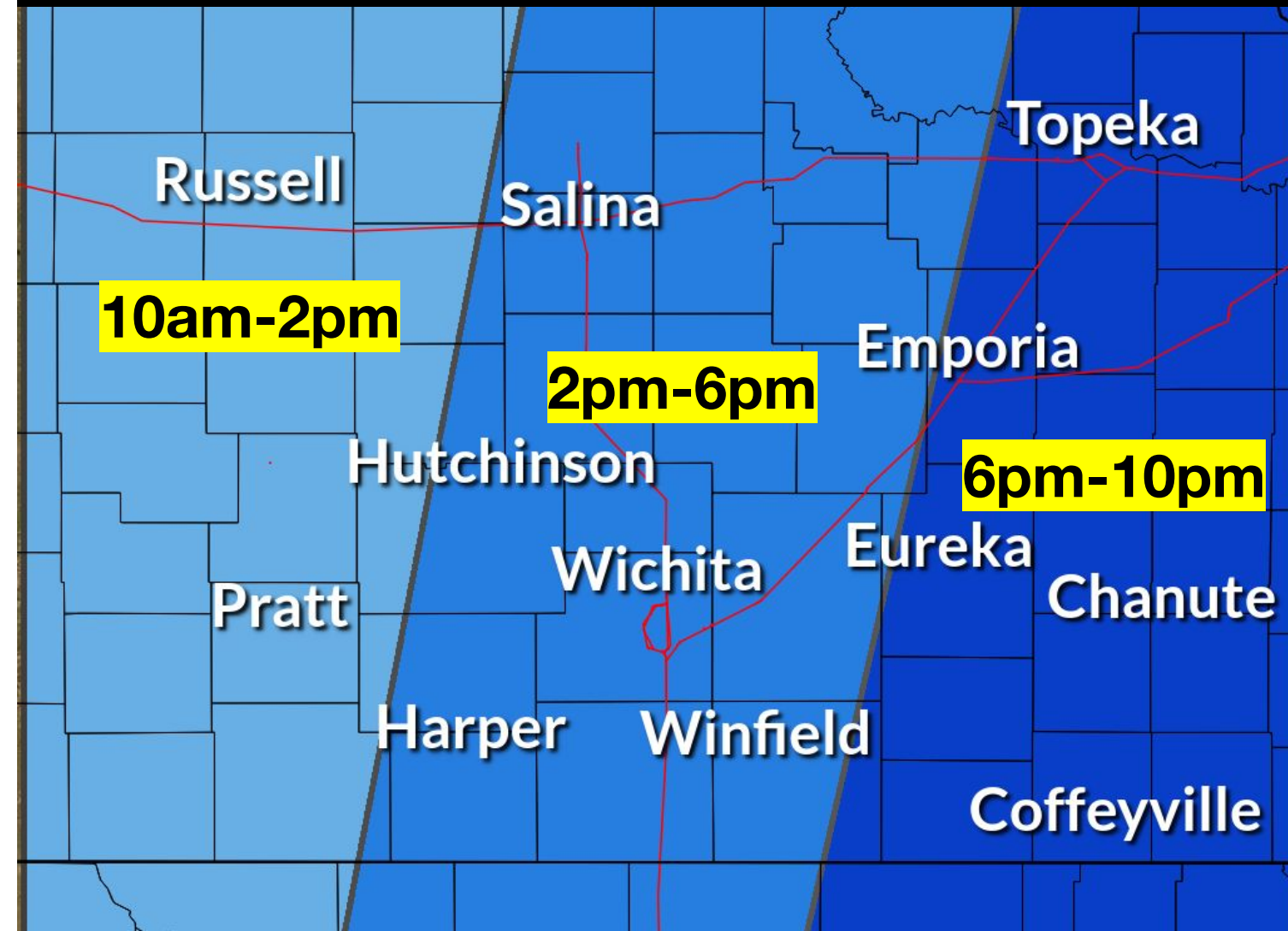
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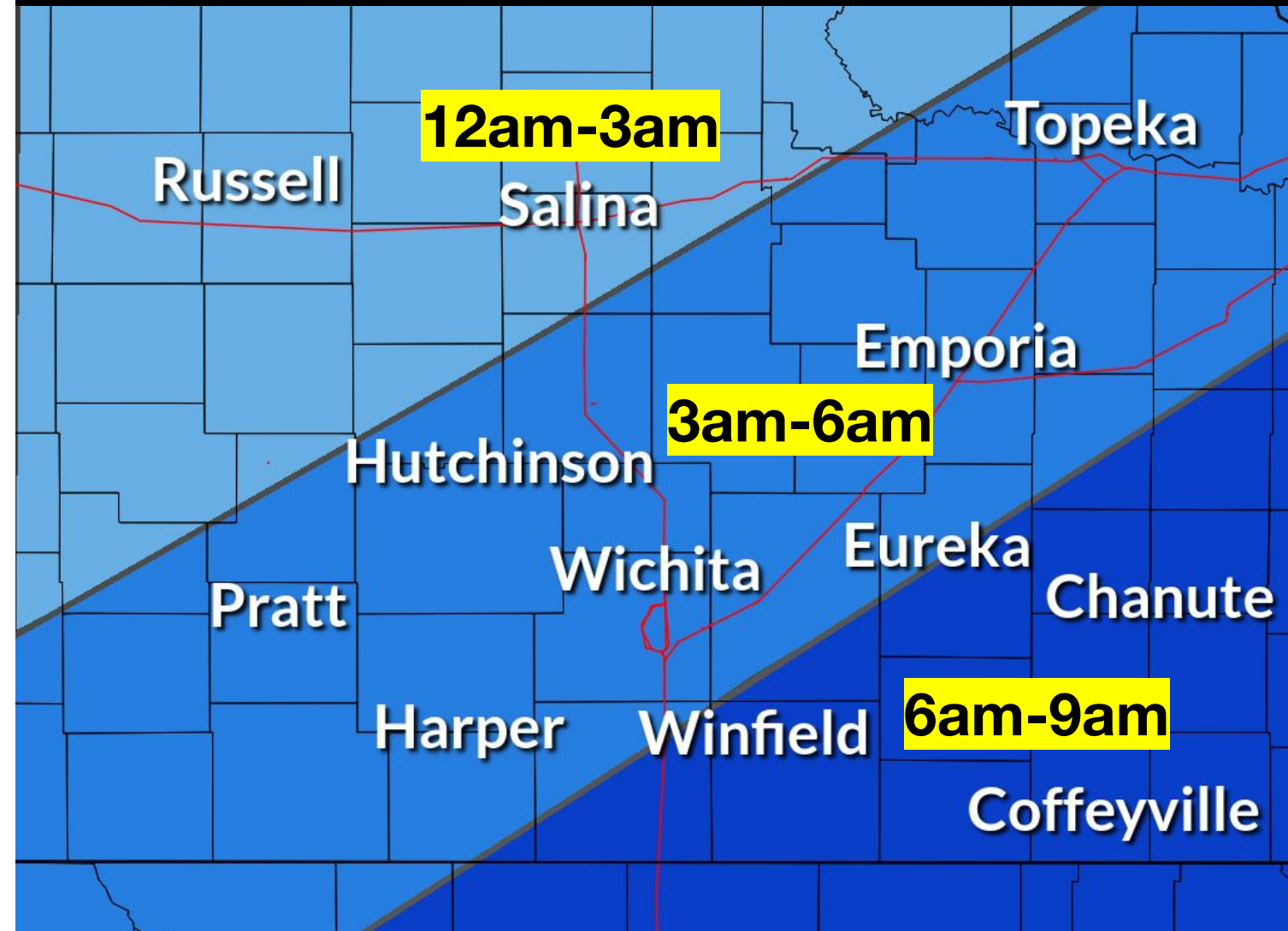
# Snow Timing Friday - Sunday Morning

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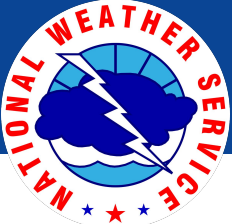
## Snow Start Time - Friday



## Snow End Time - Sunday



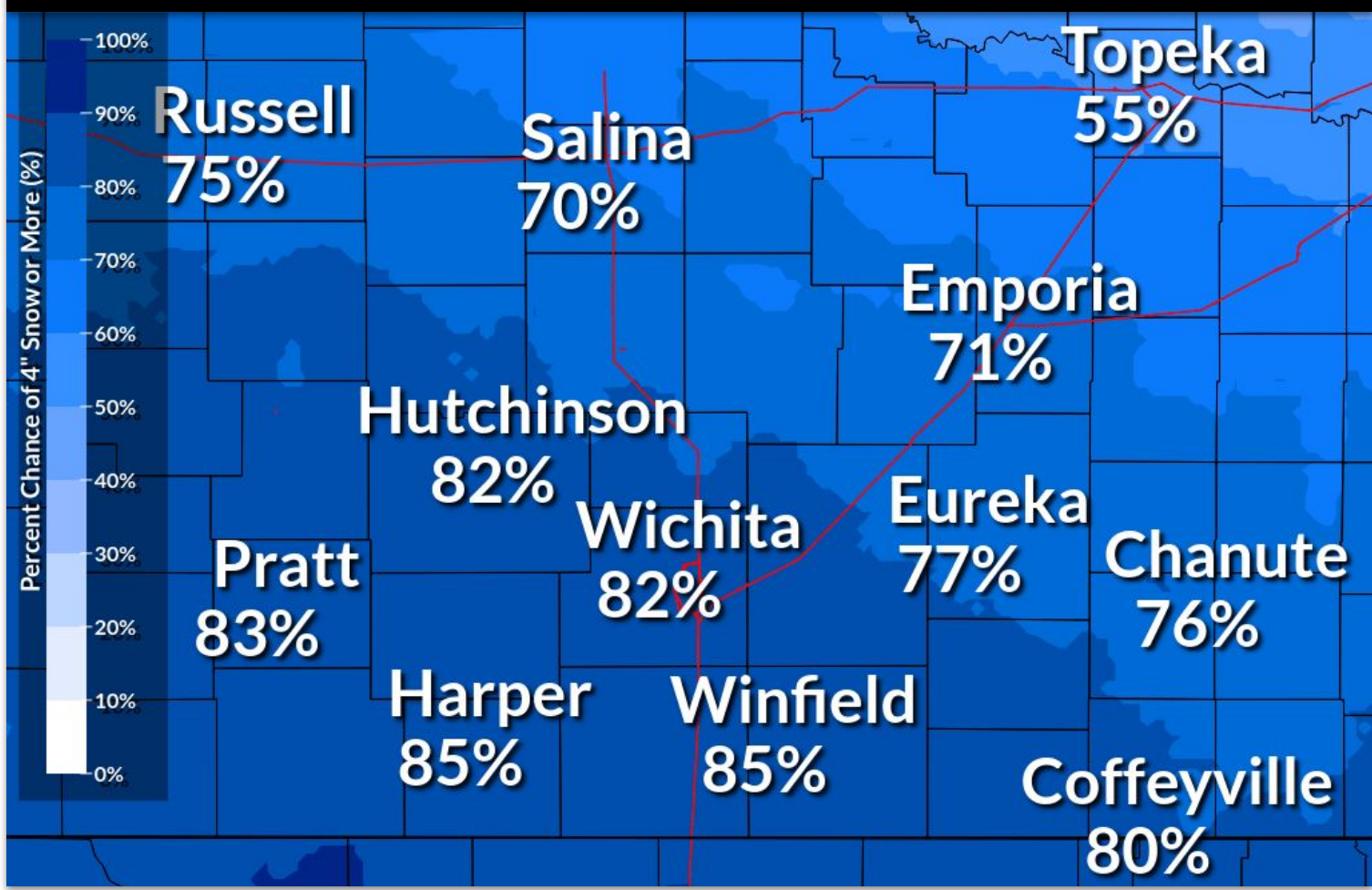




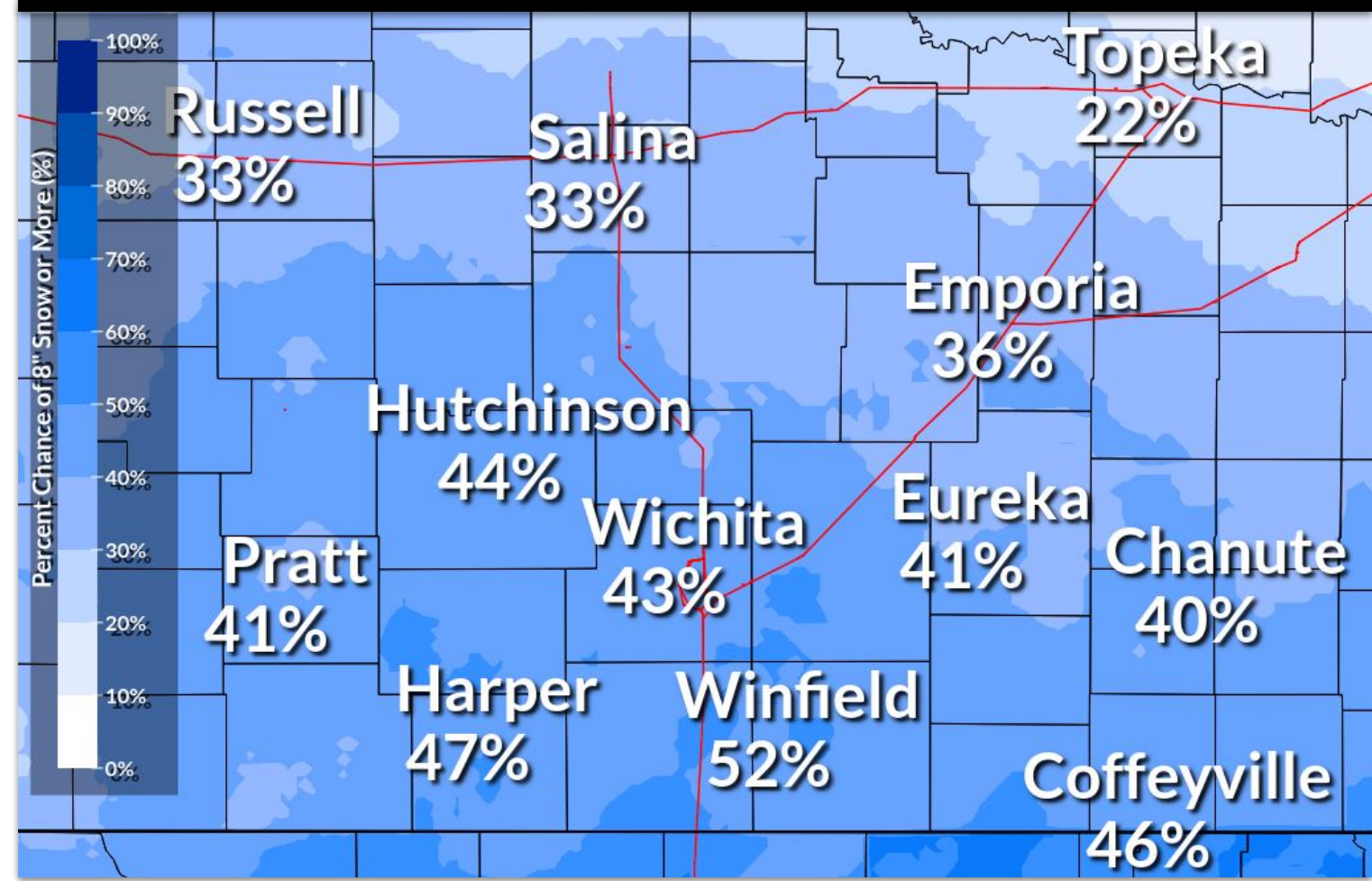
# Probability Chances for Accumulating Snow

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## Probability of 4" Snow or More



## Probability of 8" Snow or More



**HAZARDOUS  
TRAVEL**

### Moderate Impacts - Expect disruptions to daily life

- Hazardous driving conditions. Use extra caution while driving
- Closures and disruptions to infrastructure may occur.



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# Forecast Confidence for Snowfall

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## Location

Low	Medium	High
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**Confidence is HIGH** that the higher snowfall amounts will extend across southern Kansas with lesser amounts further north.

## Timing

Low	Medium	High
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**Confidence is HIGH** that snow is expected to start late Friday afternoon or Friday evening and then continue through Saturday night.

## Magnitude

Low	Medium	High
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**Confidence is MEDIUM** for snowfall amounts due to a possible location shift for the higher amounts with new information over the coming days.

### Ice and Snow, Take it Slow

70% of snow and ice-related injuries occur in automobiles

Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you



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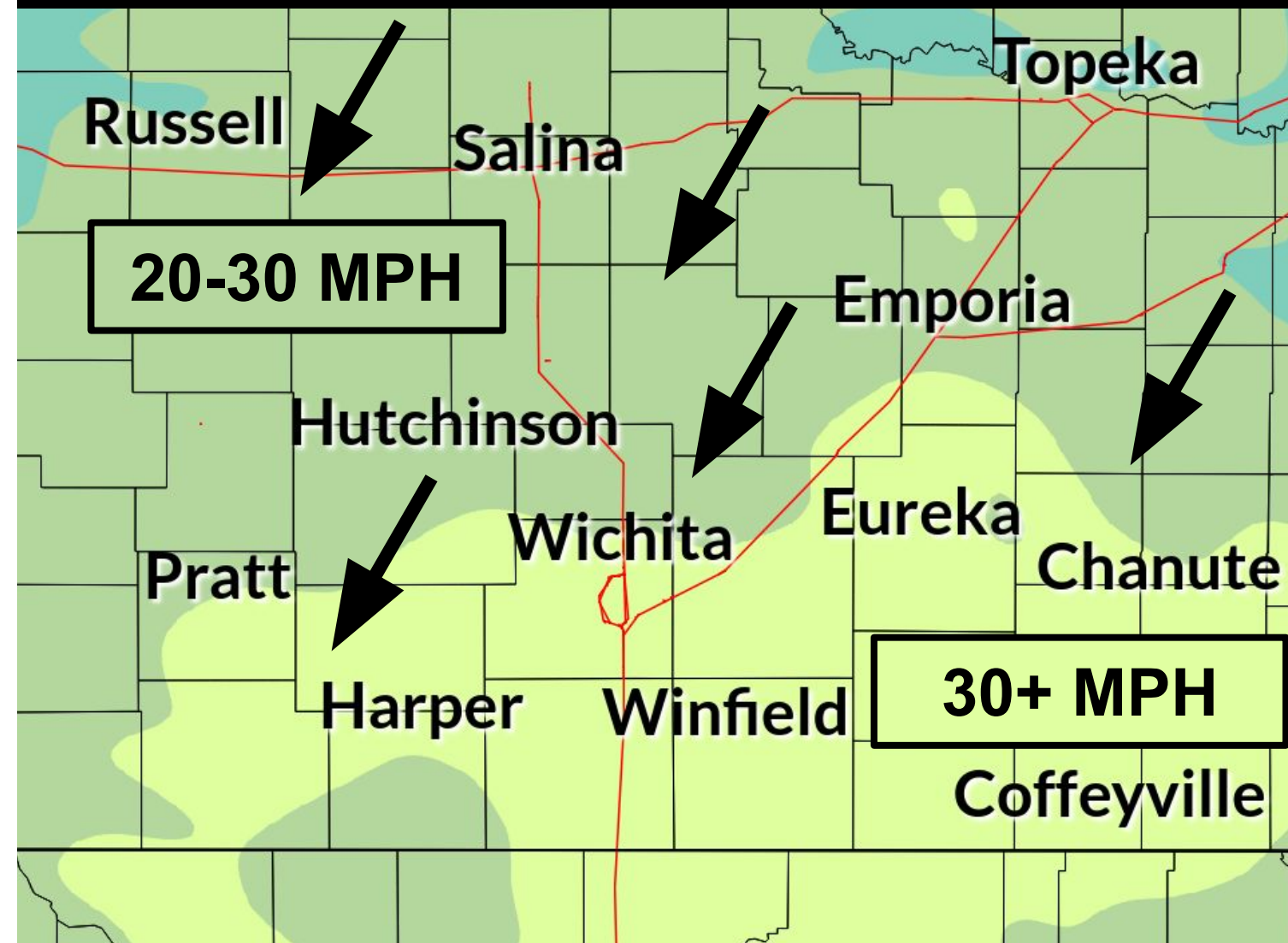




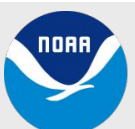
# Strong Winds Expected Friday Morning

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## Maximum Wind Gusts *Friday AM*



- Northeasterly winds will increase behind the front on Friday morning
- Breezy winds will lead to dangerous wind chills
- Winds will diminish through the afternoon
- Strongest winds are not expected to overlap with snowfall



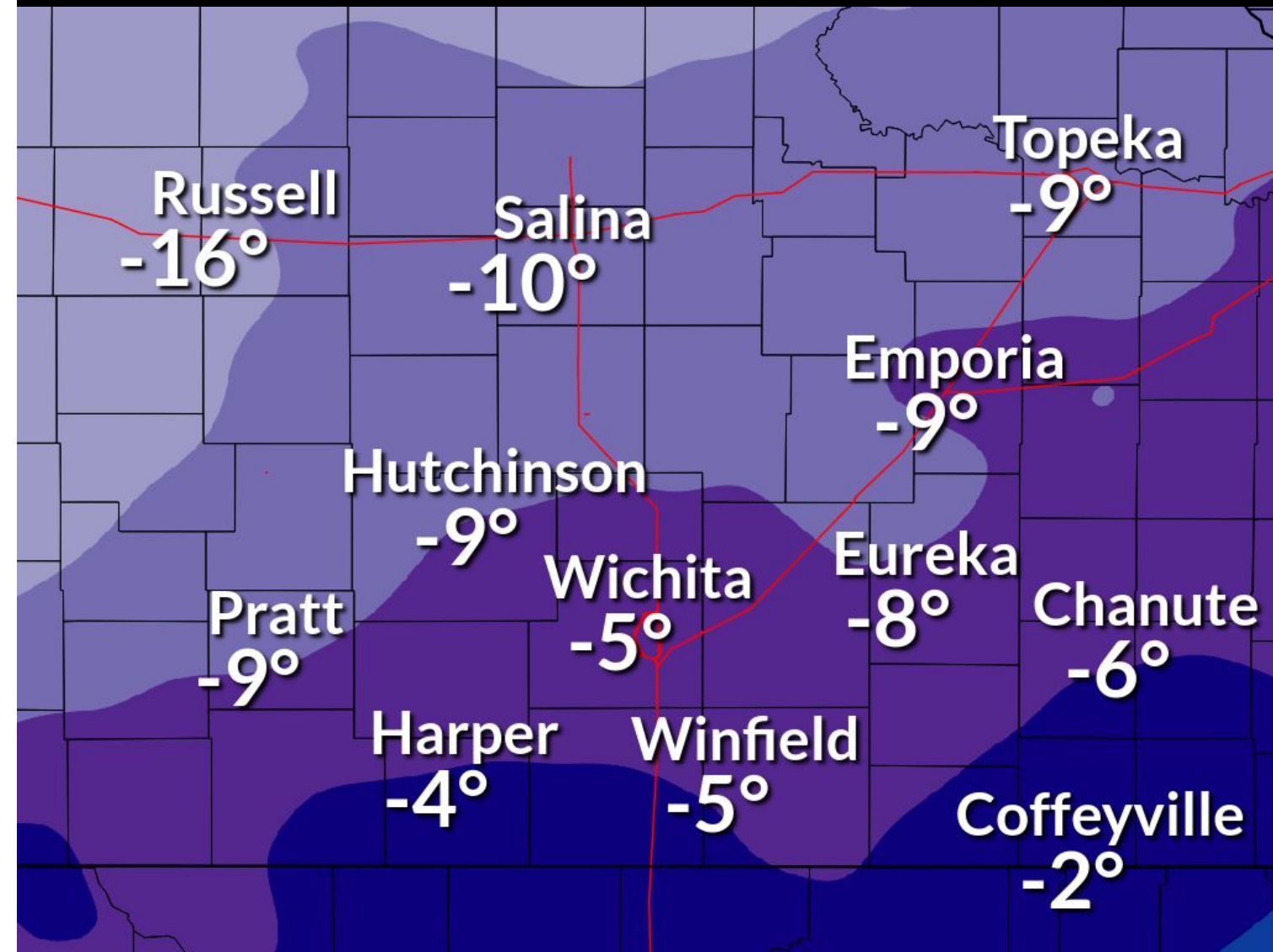




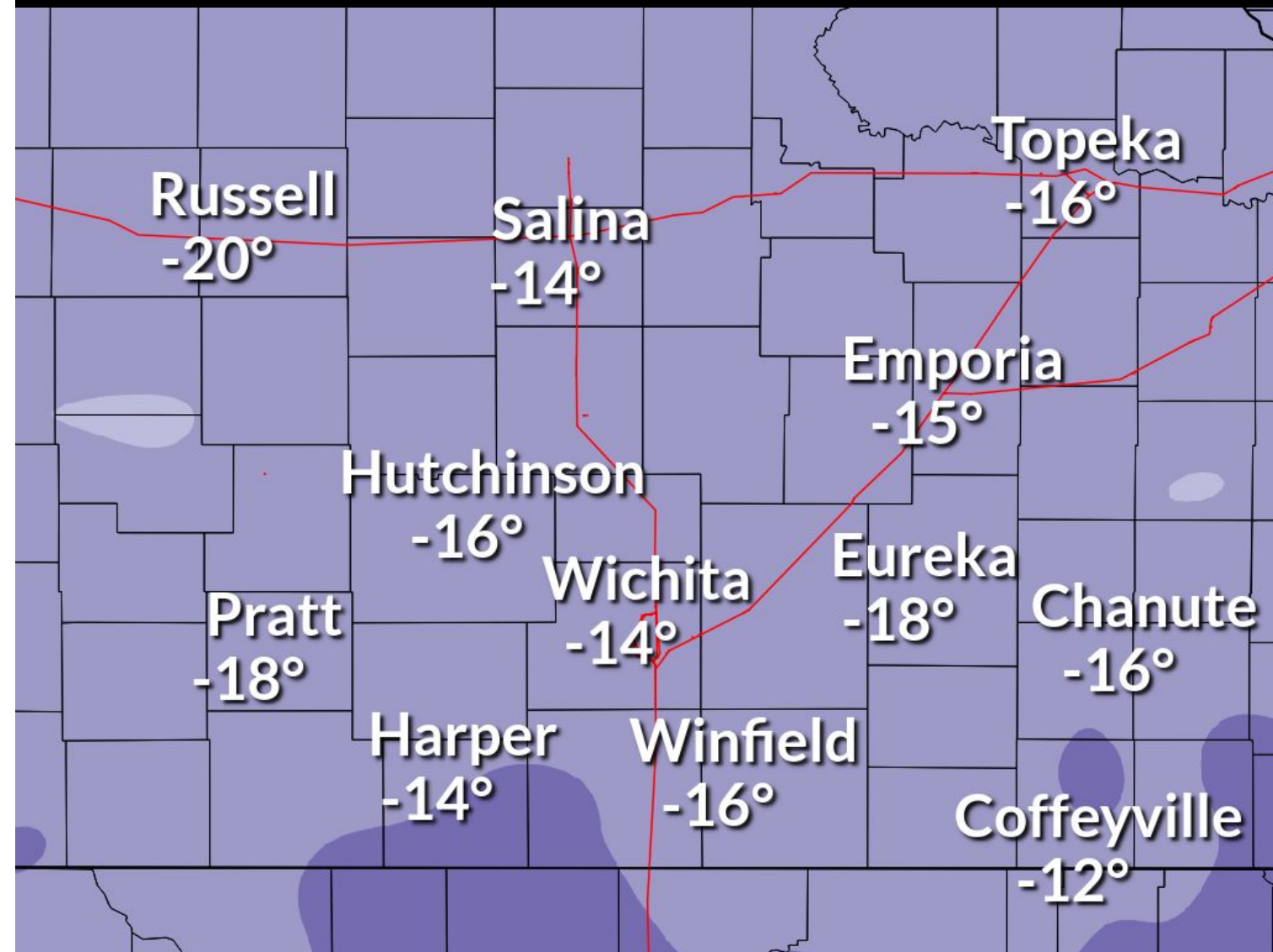
# Dangerous Wind Chills Beginning Friday

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## Friday Morning



## Saturday Morning

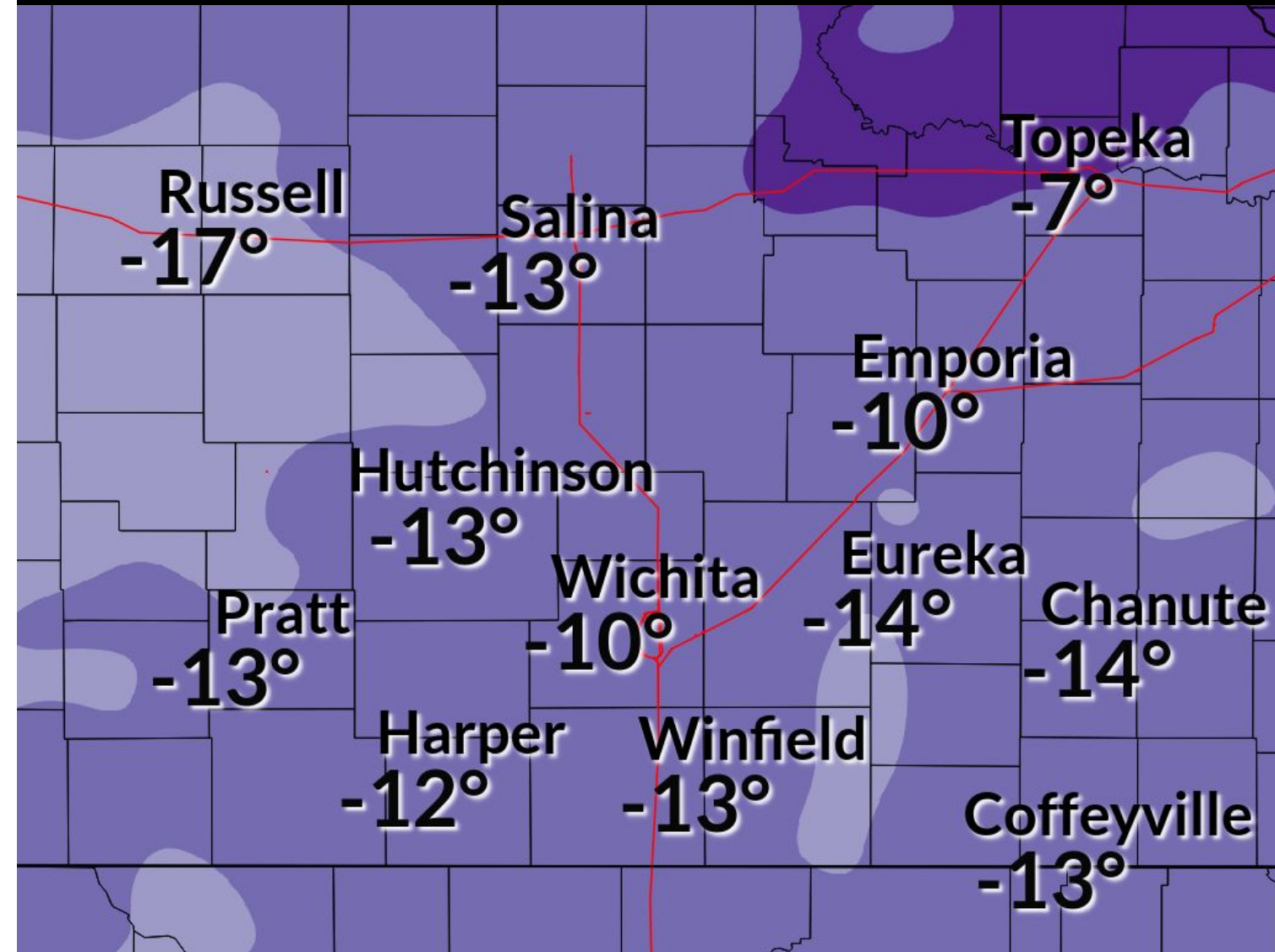




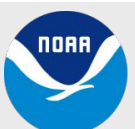
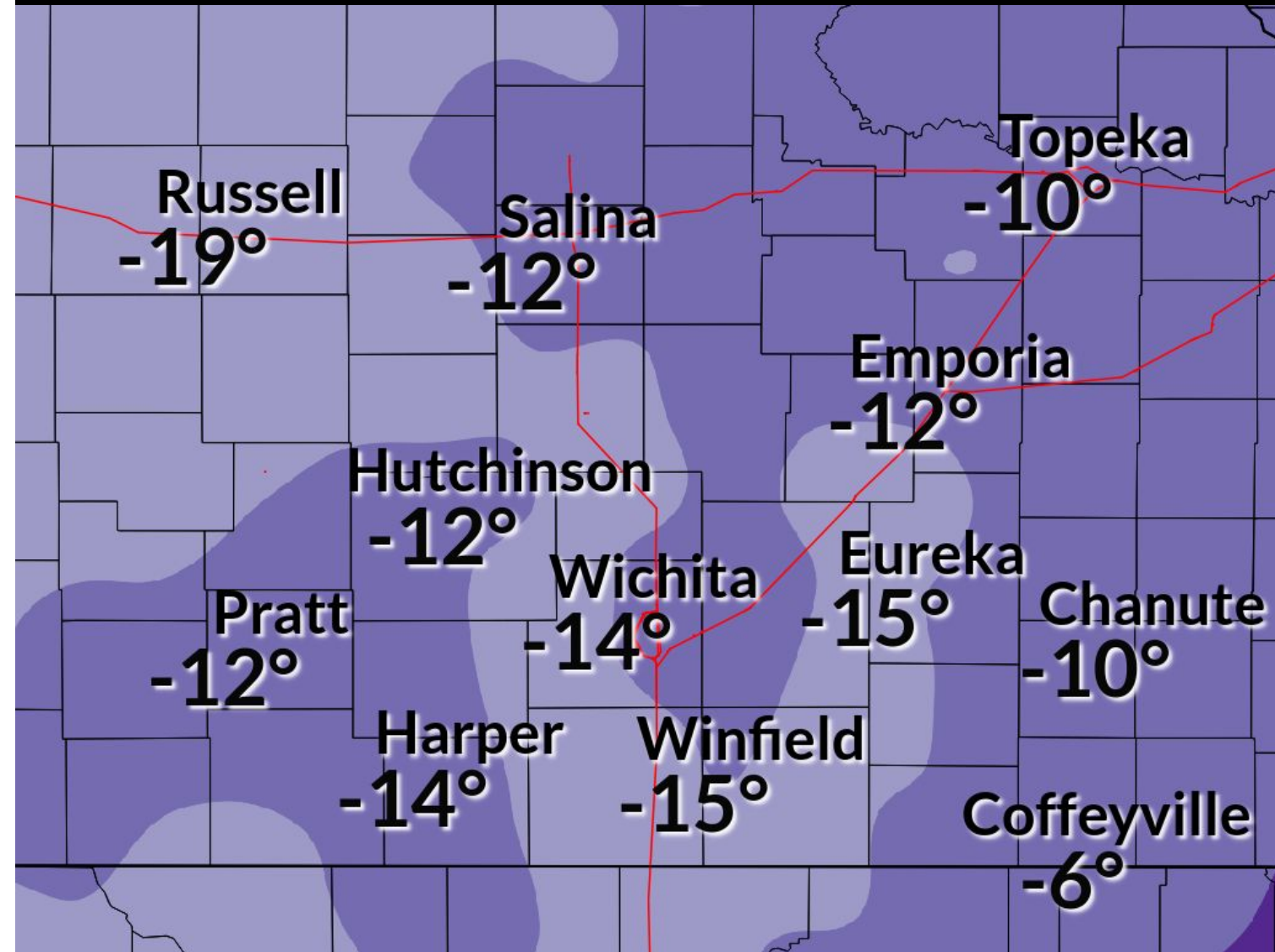
# Dangerous Wind Chills Through Monday

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## Sunday Morning



## Monday Morning







# Forecast Confidence for Extreme Cold

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## Location

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Confidence is **HIGH** for extreme cold temperatures and dangerous wind chills impacting the entire area.

## Timing

Low	Medium	High
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Confidence is **HIGH** that Arctic air will spread into the area early Friday morning and linger through Monday morning.

## Magnitude

Low	Medium	High
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Confidence is **HIGH** that Arctic air with extremely cold temperatures and dangerous winds chills in the the -10 to -20 degree range will impact the area

### Prepare for Extreme Cold

Whether it's the wind chill or air temperature...

Extreme cold is **dangerous**. Take it seriously.





DRESS IN LAYERS



COVER ALL EXPOSED SKIN



LIMIT TIME OUTDOORS



BRING PETS INDOORS







# Tips to Prepare for Extreme Cold and Winter Travel

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