

Severe Storms This Afternoon

April 17, 2026
6:43 AM CDT

Key Messages

- Severe storms likely along a strong cold front Friday afternoon and evening for areas along and southeast of the Kansas Turnpike.
- Large hail and damaging winds likely with stronger storms.
- A couple tornadoes possible before 9pm.

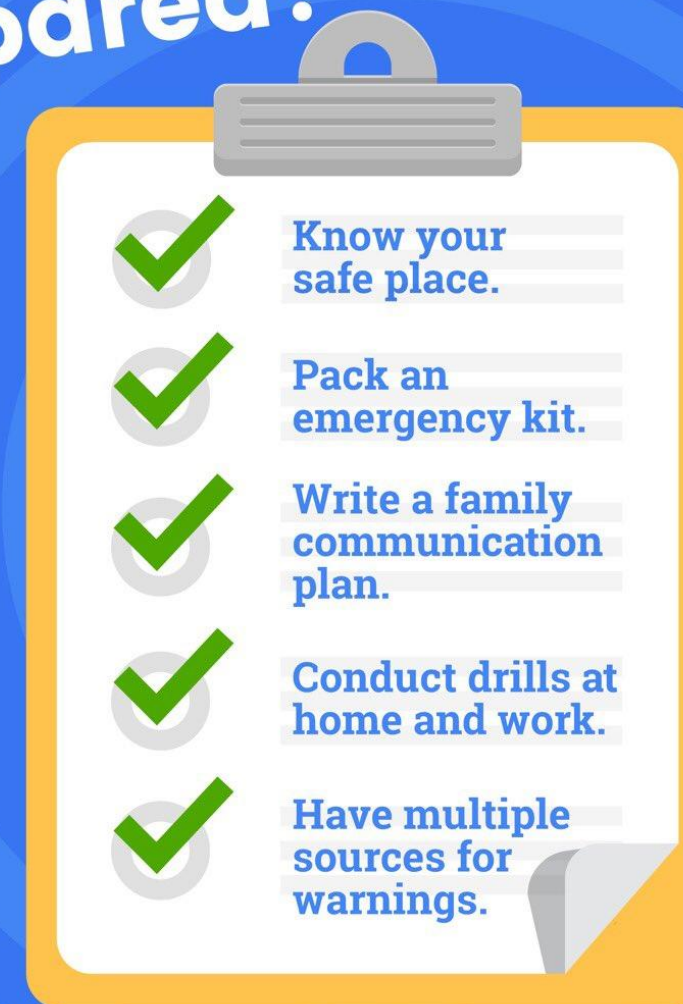
What Has Changed

- No big changes.

Next Scheduled Update

- No scheduled update unless there are big changes in the forecast later this morning.

Are You Prepared?



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HAZARDS

- Up to 2-inch hail
- 60 to 70 mph wind gusts
- A couple of tornadoes before 9pm
- Locally heavy rainfall

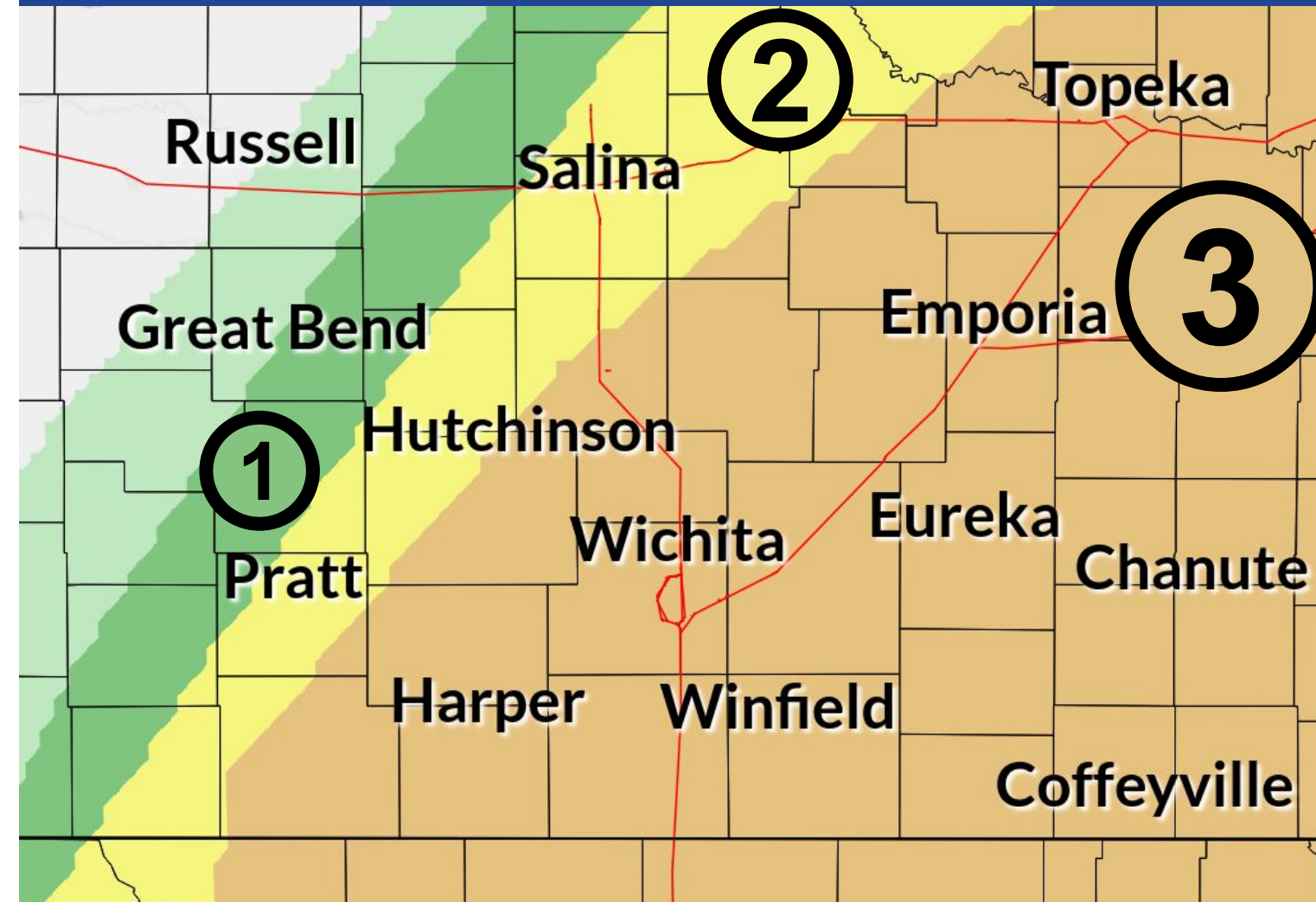
TIMING

1 PM – Midnight

ACTION

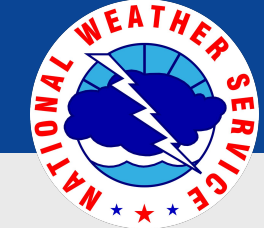
Have multiple ways to receive warnings.

Severe Outlook *Today*



Severe Storms Risk:





Timing for Storms Today

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Confidence in Timing

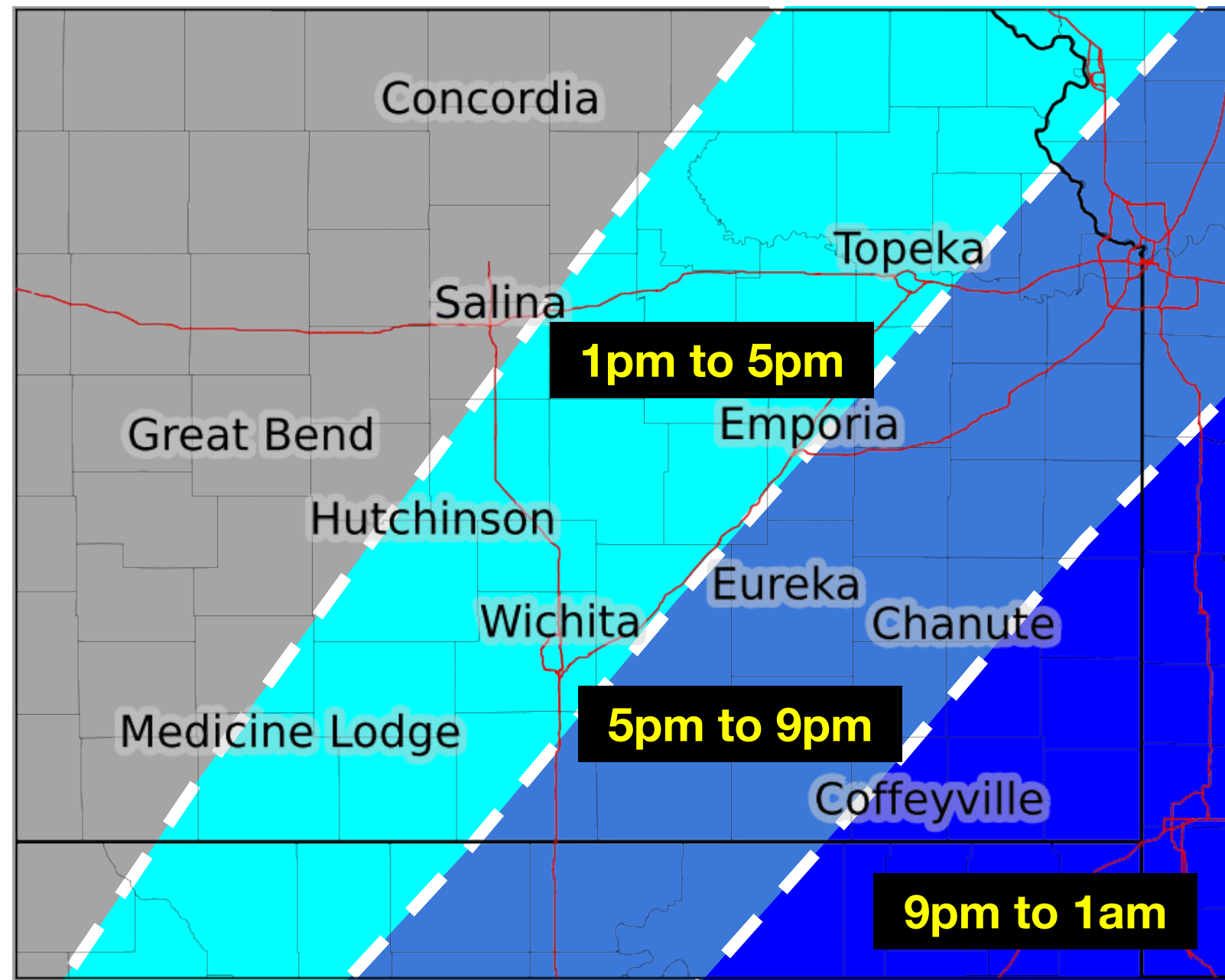


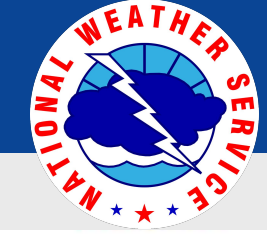
Confidence is high that robust storm development will occur between 1pm and 3pm along or just northwest of the Kansas Turnpike. However, timing of the cold front will impact when storms arrive to the Flint Hills and southeast Kansas.

Confidence in Location



Confidence remains high that most of the Flint Hills and southeast Kansas will be affected, how far west storms develop is still somewhat in question.





Safety Information

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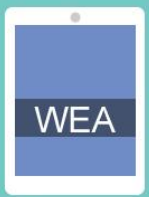
6 WAYS to receive a warning



NOAA Weather Radio



Local TV and Radio



Wireless Emergency Alerts & Weather Apps



Outdoor Sirens



Internet Sites

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From Your Friends, Family and Coworkers

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WHEN THUNDER ROARS GO INDOORS

Lightning Fatalities For Outdoor Sports

40% SOCCER	27% GOLF
17% RUNNING	10% BASEBALL
3% FOOTBALL	3% OTHER

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step 1

Leave the field immediately

step 2

Seek shelter in an enclosed building or car

Wait 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder to return outside

