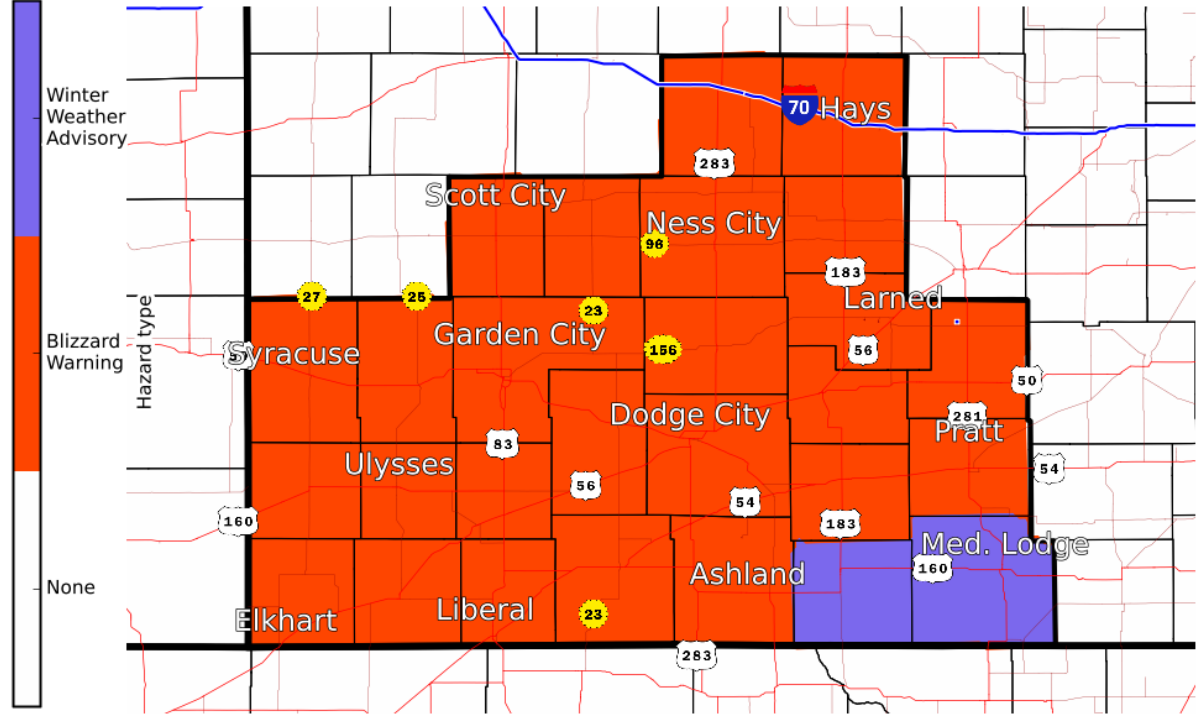




Blizzard Conditions Today

Watch, Warning and Advisory
Valid: Saturday 6 AM to Midnight



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Dodge City Kansas
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Message of the Day:



Strong winds and widespread heavy snow can be expected Today. Sustained northwest winds will be 30 to 45 mph with damaging gusts as high as 60 mph. Blowing snow and drifting snow will reduce visibilities with whiteouts common. Snow drifts will likely be 2 to 4 feet. A Blizzard Warning is in effect Saturday, 6 am through midnight.

Important Forecast Changes



This system is still a few days out so timing and intensity may change as we get closer to the event.



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Key Points



Hazards: Snowfall of 3 to 9 inches. A snow totals in excess of 10 inches possible in a few areas. Wind gusts up to 60 mph possible during the day. Near zero visibilities common due to blowing and drifting snow. Snow drifts commonly reaching 2 to 4 feet.



Areas Impacted: Southwest and Central Kansas



Timing & Duration: Saturday morning through midnight Saturday

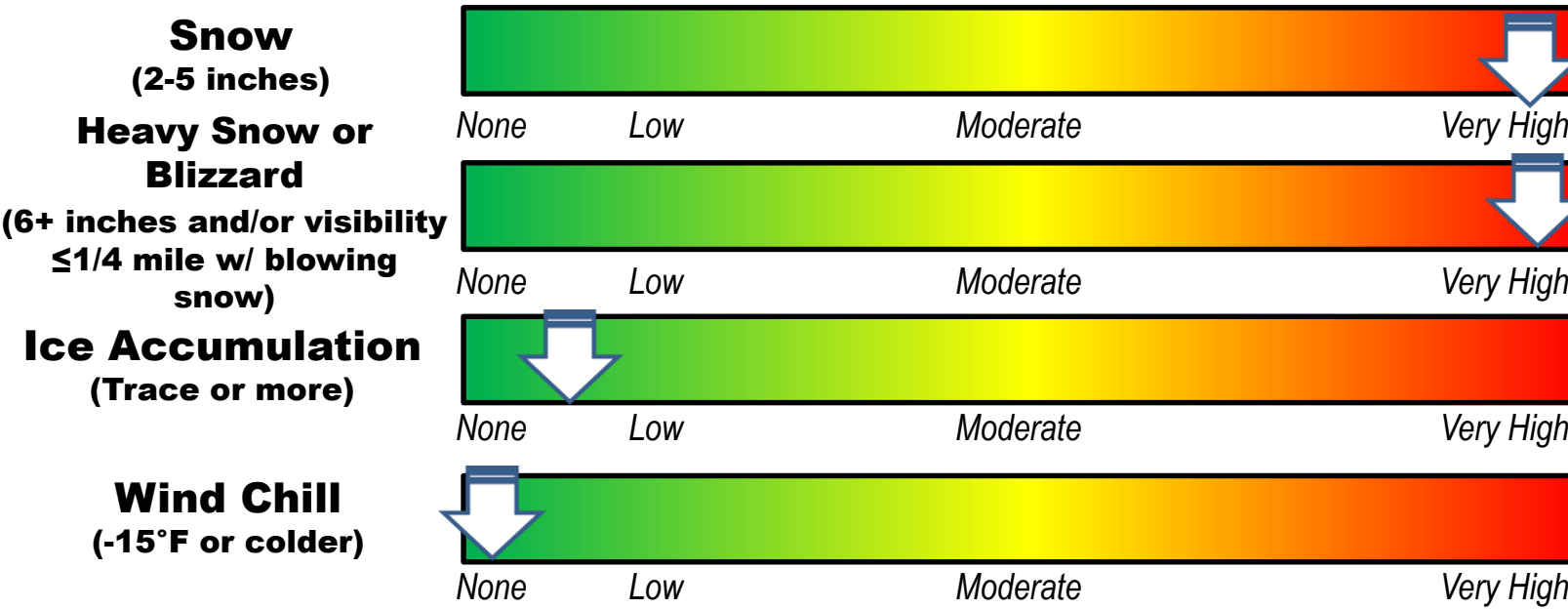


Impacts: A Blizzard is imminent. Visibility whiteouts and snow drifts reaching 2 to 4 feet will be common.



Certainty & Considerations: Forecast confidence is high.

Forecast Certainty with Winter Weather Hazards





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Winter Weather Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about winter weather:

- Snow can occur at temperatures as high as 46 degrees if conditions are right.
- The record for most snowfall in the Lower 48 in a 24 hour period is 75.8" at Silver Lake, Colorado in 1921.
- Blizzard conditions are met when visibility in falling and blowing snow reaches ¼ mile or less and sustained wind speeds of 35 mph or greater occur for 3 hours or more.
- As little as 1/16" of ice can begin to impact roadways and sidewalks.
- As the wind increases, the body is cooled at a faster rate. The "wind chill" is a way for meteorologists to communicate what the combination of wind and temperature "feels like" to exposed skin.

Preparedness:

- A **Winter Storm Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for significant winter weather and/or blizzard conditions. *Time to prepare!*
- A **Winter Storm Warning** is issued when a combination of heavy snow, blowing snow, and possibly ice mixed with snow is expected to impact the area. *Time to act!*
- A **Blizzard Warning** is issued when the combination of strong wind, low visibility, and heavy snow will significantly impact daily life.

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