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DESPP / DEMHS WINTER STORM UPDATE – ISSUED DEC 2nd, 2019 AT 4:00 PM

STATUS OF THE STATE EOC: **ENHANCED MONITORING**

A WIDE BAND OF WRAP AROUND MODERATE SNOW IS FORECAST TO SLOWLY MOVE ACROSS THE STATE THIS EVENING AND OVERNIGHT…WINTER STORM WARNINGS AND ADVISORIES REMAIN IN EFFECT…

At 4:00 PM radar showed some scattered flurries and mixed precipitation falling across the state. DOT cameras are showing that highways and most major roadways are only wet at this time with some slush on shoulders, bridges and ramps. Temperatures still range from near 32 F in western CT up to the mid 30's in eastern CT and the upper 30's along the southeast coast. The following forecast is based on the latest GFS, NAM and HRRR models:

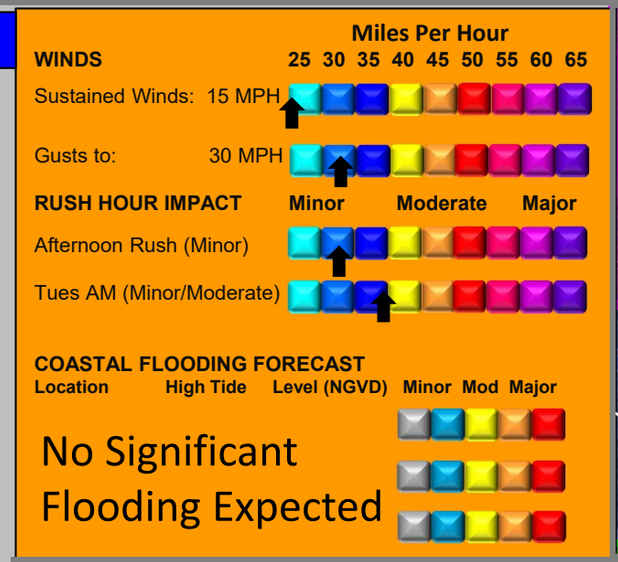
Rest of This Afternoon: A band of moderate snow currently forming in western MA is forecast to move into the NW hills by 5:00 PM. This band is forecast to grow and begin swinging down to the southeast covering most of Litchfield county by 6:00 PM. The impact on the afternoon rush hour should minor with most roads being wet with some slush on the shoulders, on/off ramps. Roads in the NW hills may have a thin coating of snow on untreated surfaces by 6:00 PM.

This Evening and Tonight: The HRRR model is indicating that the band of moderate snow in the NW Hills will spread southeast into the Hartford area around 7:00 PM and across eastern CT by 10:00 PM. Moderate snow is forecast to continue overnight with the band covering most of the state. Total additional snowfall by daybreak is forecast to range from 3" – 6" statewide. Low temperatures are forecast to drop into the upper 20's.

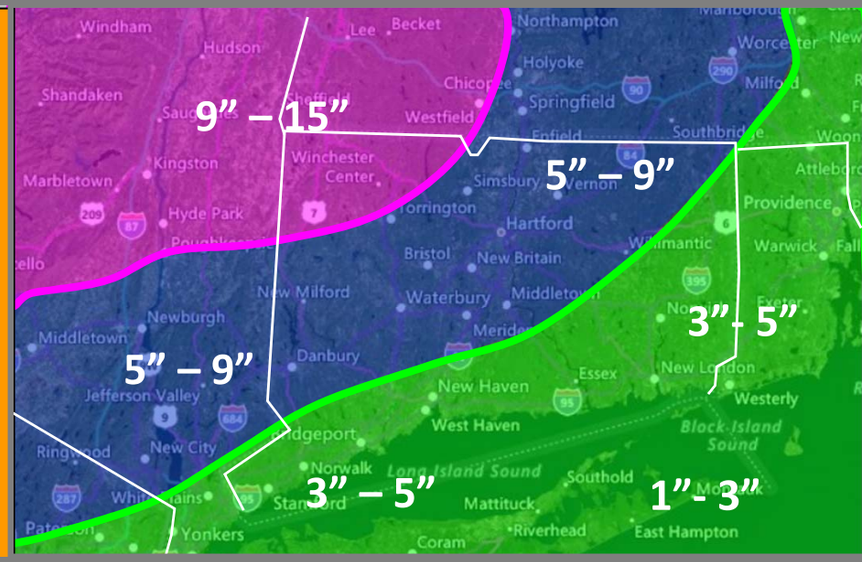
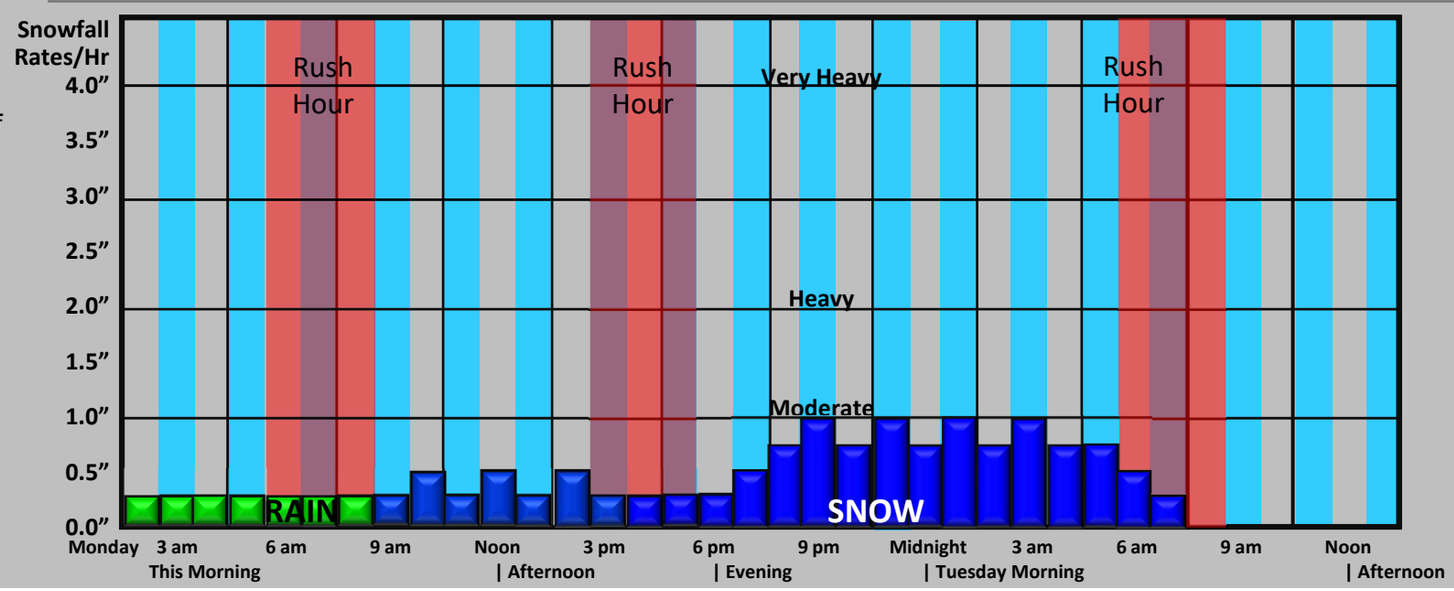
Tuesday Morning: The band of snow is forecast to weaken and move slowly to the east, clearing out of the Hartford area around 4:00 AM and out of eastern CT by 8:00 AM. A minor to moderate impact is expected with some snow/slush and patches of black ice on many roads. Total snowfall is now forecast to range from 3" - 5" along the coast and in southeastern CT, 5" – 9" along and north of the I-84 corridor, and 9" – 15" in the NW Hills.

Another update will be sent out at 6:00 AM Tuesday morning or sooner if the forecast changes significantly for the worst.

FORECAST IMPACTS NEXT 18 HOURS



TOTAL SNOWFALL FORECAST SUNDAY TO TUESDAY



Maximum Hourly Snowfall Rates (Hartford Area)