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SEVERE WEATHER ALERT

stay aware, be prepared...

SEVERE WEATHER HAZARD REPORT

Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Operations Center Partner Agencies

04/20/2022 – 0945 hours

Watches/Warnings:

Strong to Severe Weather Outlook

Hazard	4/20
Wind	ELEVATED
Lightning	ELEVATED
Hail	LIMITED
Tornado	LIMITED
Severe Thunderstorm	LIMITED

Discussion:

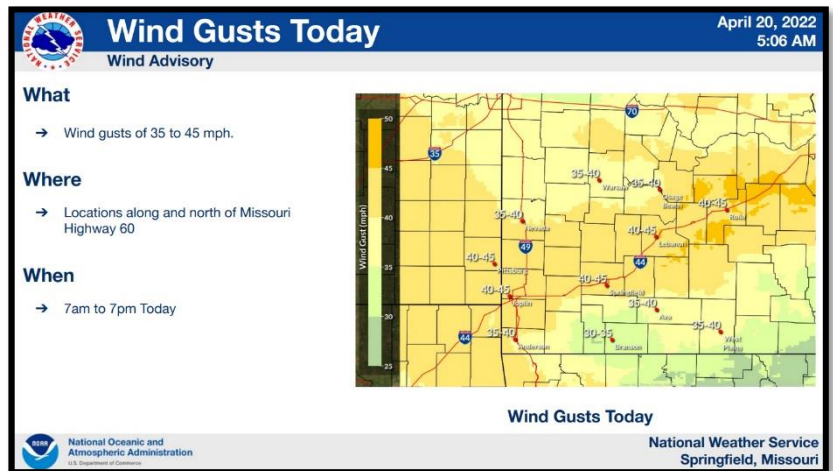
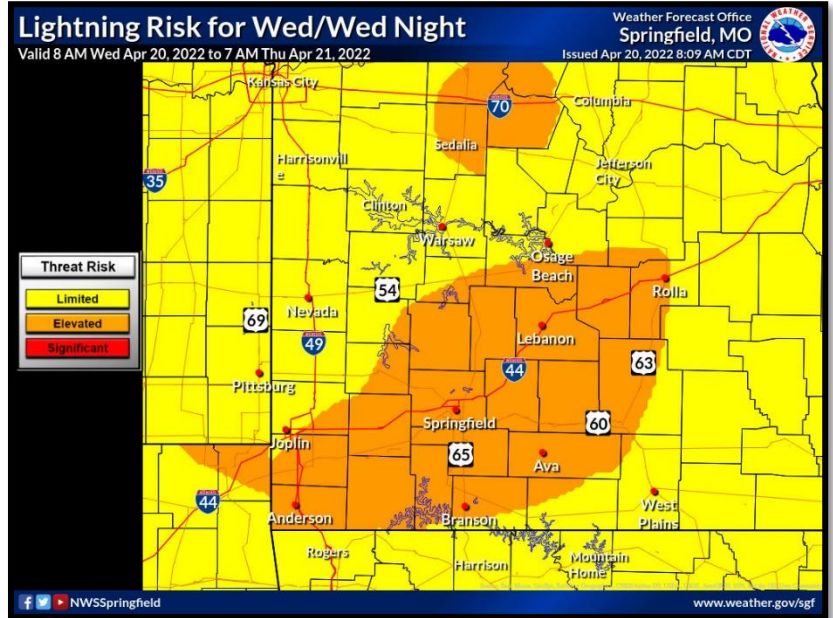
Pockets of heavy rainfall are possible today, mainly along and SE of Interstate 44. Some minor flooding of typical low water crossings is possible; however, widespread flooding is not expected. Southerly winds will increase across the area today, with wind gusts up to 45 mph for areas generally north of Hwy 60. By late this afternoon and this evening, a cold front may develop some thunderstorms across SE Kansas and then move into western Missouri. If these storms can form, they could produce large hail to the size of golf balls, damaging winds to 60 mph and frequent lightning. The tornado potential remains low. Confidence is low with these afternoon thunderstorms. Stay up on the forecast through the day. Additional thunderstorms may also develop overnight along the stalled front with large hail and frequent lightning again possible.

Citizen Action Statement:

- Have a severe weather shelter plan! Review emergency kit and identify closest safe shelter.
- Have a way of receiving severe weather warnings (NOAA Weather Radio, social media, news media, etc.)
- Take shelter when lightning is in the area!
“When thunder roars...go indoors!”
- Citizens with outdoor recreational plans along area rivers and streams should be alert for the potential for lightning strikes and rapidly rising water levels.
“Turn around...don’t drown!”

Emergency Management Issues:

- Springfield-Greene County EOC is currently at:
 - OpCon **Level 4: Monitoring**
- OEM will continue to monitor this developing weather situation.
- **Follow OEM:** Twitter@gcoem and [Facebook/SpringfieldGreeneOEM](https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldGreeneOEM)
- **MoDOT:** Traveler Information map: <https://traveler.modot.org/map/index.html>
- **Ozarks Traffic:** <http://www.ozarkstraffic.com>



WHEN THUNDER ROARS GO INDOORS

Lightning Fatalities For Outdoor Sports

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

step 1 Leave the field immediately

step 2 Seek shelter in an enclosed building or car

School **Home** **Hard-topped Vehicle** **Windows 18"**

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

weather.gov/lightning