



# Severe Weather Likely This Afternoon/Evening

July 3, 2026

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Some storms may be strong to severe with damaging winds, hail, and frequent lightning

## Key Messages

- There is an Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5) for severe weather this afternoon and evening for Lower Michigan. A Slight Risk (level 2 of 5) elsewhere across the forecast area.
- Damaging wind gusts in excess of 70 mph are the main threat but frequent lightning and heavy rain are also possible. There is potential for strong downbursts/microbursts.
- Dangerous heat continues through Saturday, especially east of I-69 and south of US-24, where a Heat Advisory has been issued. Heat index values over 100 are possible.
- There is a Marginal Risk for severe weather on Saturday, July 4th. Low confidence but isolated severe storms may pose a threat for damaging winds.

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## Important Updates

- Lower Michigan was upgraded to an Enhanced Risk today
- Heat Advisory issued east of I-69 and south of US-24 for Saturday, July 4th

## Next Scheduled Briefing

- Saturday morning

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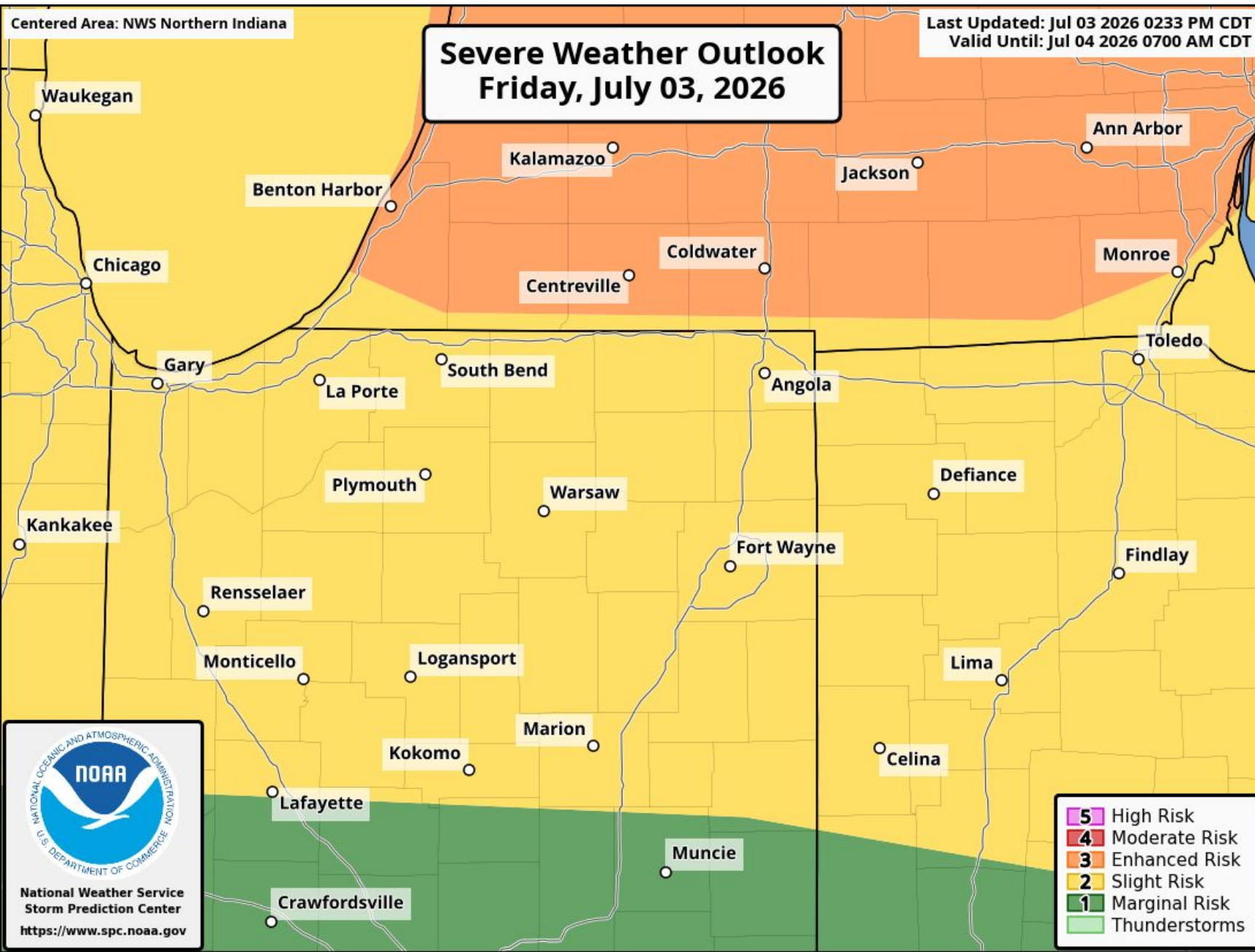




# Enhanced Risk of Severe Storms Today

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Damaging wind gusts in excess of 70 mph are the main threat; potential for microbursts



## Timing



Now through early Saturday morning

## Confidence

- Lower Michigan has been upgraded to an Enhanced Risk (level 3 of 5) for severe weather.
- Most likely location of strong to severe storms will be along and north of US 30.

## Possible Hazards



Damaging Wind Gusts > 70 mph



Isolated Large Hail



Locally heavy downpours



Frequent Lightning

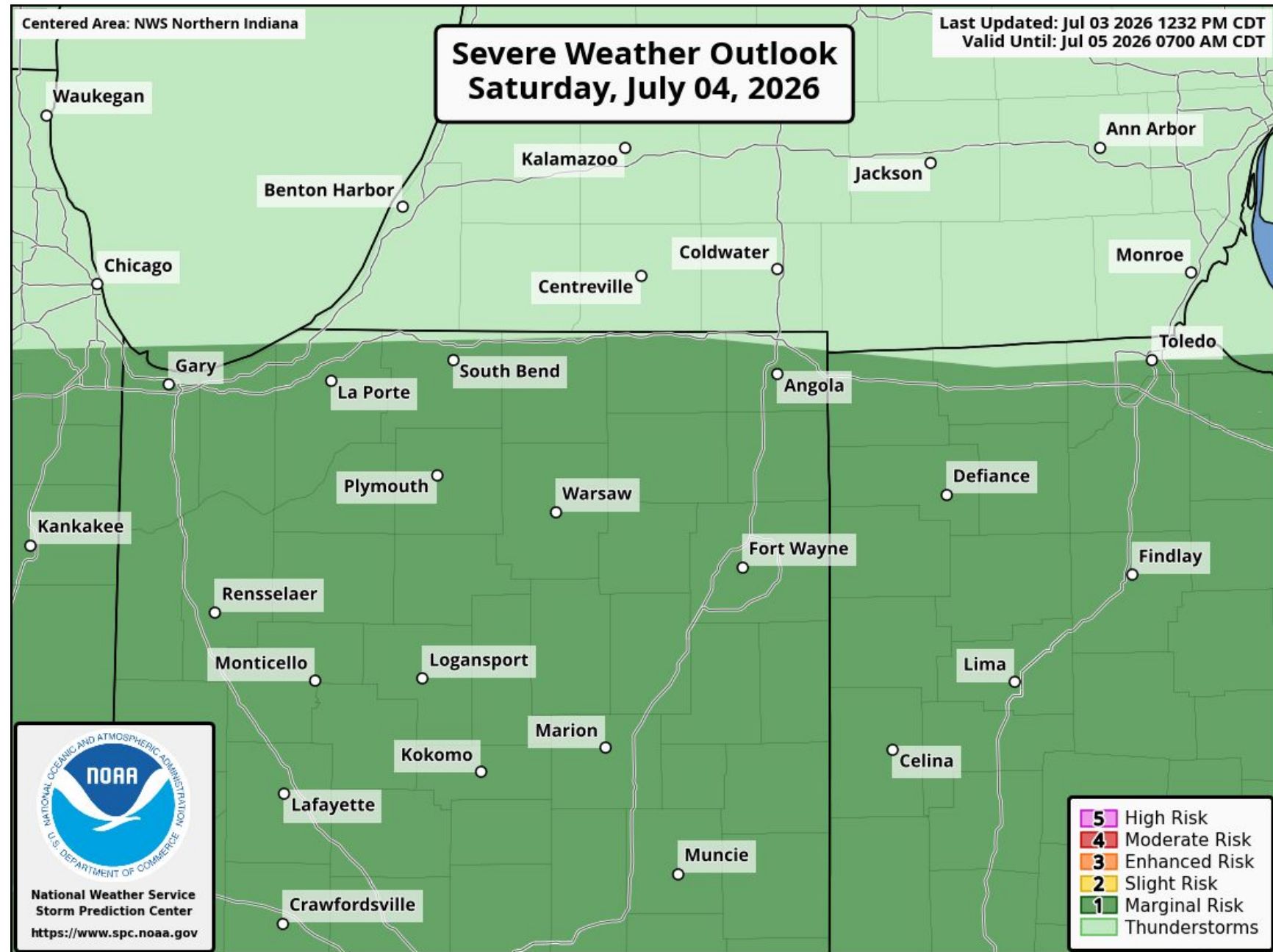


# Marginal Risk of Severe Storms on July 4th

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Damaging winds, heavy rain, and frequent lightning are all possible hazards



## Timing



Saturday afternoon and evening, mainly 2-11 PM EDT

## Confidence

- Isolated thunderstorms possible Saturday afternoon and evening.
- Heavy rain and lightning will be threats in any storms, even if they are sub-severe.

## Possible Hazards



Isolated Damaging Wind Gusts



Locally heavy downpours



Frequent Lightning



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# Hazardous Heat and Humidity Continues

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Afternoon heat indices over 100 again today and in the upper 90s to around 100 Saturday

## Forecast Details

- An Extreme Heat Warning remains in effect for counties east of I-69 and south of US-24 until 8 PM EDT today. A heat advisory is in effect for areas to the north.
- A Heat Advisory has been issued east of I-69 and south of US-24 through 8 PM Saturday EDT.
- Heat and humidity slowly subside through the holiday weekend.
- Continue to drink plenty of water, spend time in A/C or shade, and never leave people or pets alone in a closed car.

### Heat Index (°F) Forecast

	7/3 Fri			7/4 Sat									7/5 Sun						
	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm	12am	3am	6am	9am	12pm	3pm	6pm	9pm
Angola	99	98	87	77	74	72	76	90	95	91	82	74	72	70	74	85	90	86	77
Benton Harbor	97	94	83	77	75	73	77	90	92	90	78	75	72	70	75	84	85	83	75
Bryan	102	100	91	79	74	71	77	95	100	94	85	75	72	70	74	89	93	90	78
Defiance	103	101	93	83	75	73	78	97	101	95	87	76	74	72	76	90	95	91	82
Elkhart	100	98	88	77	75	72	76	91	94	93	83	75	73	71	74	85	89	86	77
Fort Wayne	102	100	90	78	75	72	77	95	101	94	85	75	72	70	75	89	94	89	78
Goshen	99	98	86	77	75	72	76	93	97	93	84	74	73	71	74	86	89	86	76
Hillsdale	97	97	86	76	73	71	75	89	94	91	78	73	71	69	72	85	89	85	76
La Porte	100	95	86	77	75	72	76	90	93	91	82	74	73	71	74	79	87	84	75
Lima	105	104	94	84	76	75	79	96	102	97	87	76	74	73	76	90	94	92	79
Logansport	105	100	89	77	75	73	77	94	98	95	84	75	73	72	75	89	94	89	77
Marion	105	102	90	77	74	72	78	94	98	95	85	75	73	72	75	89	95	92	78
Michigan City	99	95	88	78	76	74	78	93	96	92	85	77	75	73	76	86	88	85	77
Portland	101	101	89	77	74	73	78	93	96	94	84	75	73	73	76	89	93	90	79
South Bend	99	98	89	77	75	72	76	91	95	93	85	75	73	71	74	85	88	86	76
Three Rivers	96	95	85	76	73	71	76	88	93	92	78	73	72	70	73	79	87	84	75
Warsaw	99	98	86	77	75	72	77	92	95	93	84	74	73	71	74	88	91	87	77
Wauseon	103	99	89	79	73	71	77	93	99	93	82	75	72	70	74	86	92	87	77
Winamac	102	99	87	77	75	73	77	92	95	94	84	75	73	72	75	86	90	87	77

# *Thunderstorms* can escalate quickly.

Clear skies can quickly turn dark and ominous, whether due to pop-up thunderstorms or squall lines. Be prepared!



Set up a way to get weather warnings on your phone



When alerted to a storm, get inside a sturdy building immediately



Stay away from windows once indoors



If a building isn't nearby, get inside a vehicle



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