



Slight Risk of Severe Storms Today

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OVERVIEW:

- Showers and storms will move into the region this afternoon and evening ahead of a cold front.
- A few storms across the region will reach strong to severe limits with damaging winds being the main severe threat.
- Any storms will produce brief heavy rain, which could result in minor flooding.

TIMING

- The main window for strong to severe thunderstorms remains broadly during the afternoon and evening hours with **3 PM to Midnight** being the best timeframe with peak heating. Storms would develop in Northwest Ohio during the afternoon hours and move southeast through the evening.

HAZARDS & IMPACTS

- Scattered strong to severe storms possible with the potential for damaging wind gusts to 60 mph. Damage to trees and some power outages are possible.
- Storms will produce brief, heavy rainfall that could allow for isolated instances of flooding, mainly in urban, low-lying, and poor-drainage locations.
- There is a **Slight Risk of Severe Thunderstorms (Level 2 of 5)** for portions of Central Ohio. All other areas are in a **Marginal Risk of Severe Thunderstorms (Level 1 of 5)**.

FORECAST CHALLENGES

- Cloud cover will fill in across the region later this morning and early afternoon and could limit the amount of storms that can form in the region and reduce the energy in the atmosphere and taper storm intensity.
- Warmer temperatures and greater moisture southwest of the forecast area will make those areas more favorable for strong to severe storm development.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Isolated to scattered showers and storms are possible on Thursday, but these storms are not likely to have a severe threat with them.
- A system will move through the Great Lakes region on Friday and showers and storms will be likely during the afternoon and evening hours. Storms could bring a minor strong to severe storm threat.

