



Heavy Rain Possible through Thursday

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Key Messages

- Confidence is increasing for heavy rainfall across Central Iowa from Tuesday night through Thursday. Rainfall totals through Thursday will range from 2-4" with locally higher amounts likely.
- **A Flood Watch** is in effect from Tuesday evening through Late Thursday night.

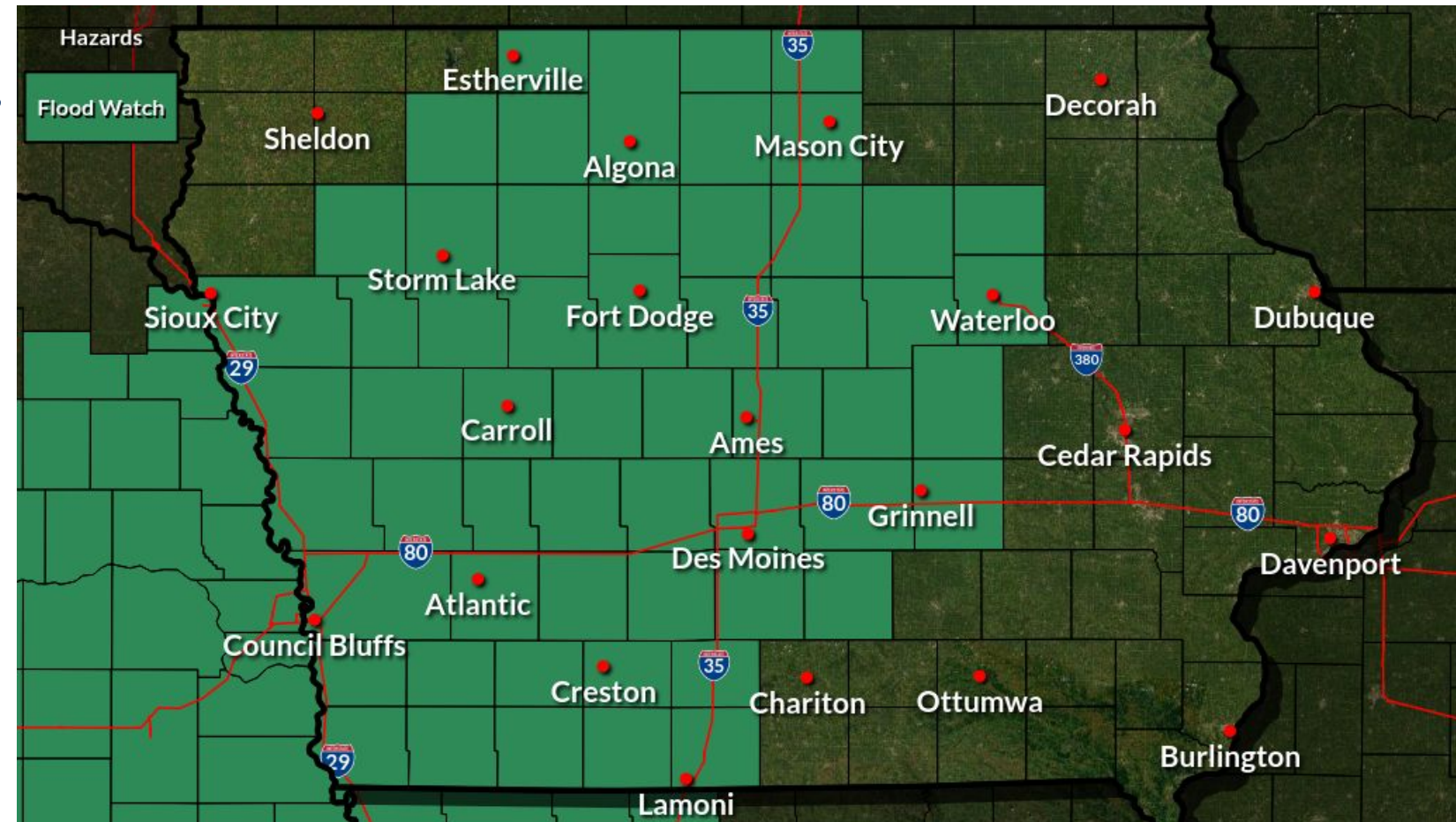
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What Has Changed

- First packet issuance
- Flood watch issued

Next Scheduled Update

- Tuesday by 9 AM





Heavy Rain Risk Later This Week

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Prolonged rain event from late Tuesday into Thursday

Key Messages

- Rain will move into parts of Iowa Tuesday night with periodic precipitation through at least Thursday. The most likely period for heavy rainfall is on Wednesday.
- Some areas will receive 2 to 4 inches of total rainfall over these several days.
- Significant ponding water is expected, especially low-lying or poor drainage areas, along with rises on rivers and streams. Flash flooding concerns are limited, but **the highest risk is in urban areas.**
- **Should you encounter flooding, turn around, don't drown!**

HIGHEST LOCAL RISK



WHAT THIS MEANS:
SCATTERED flash
floods *possible*

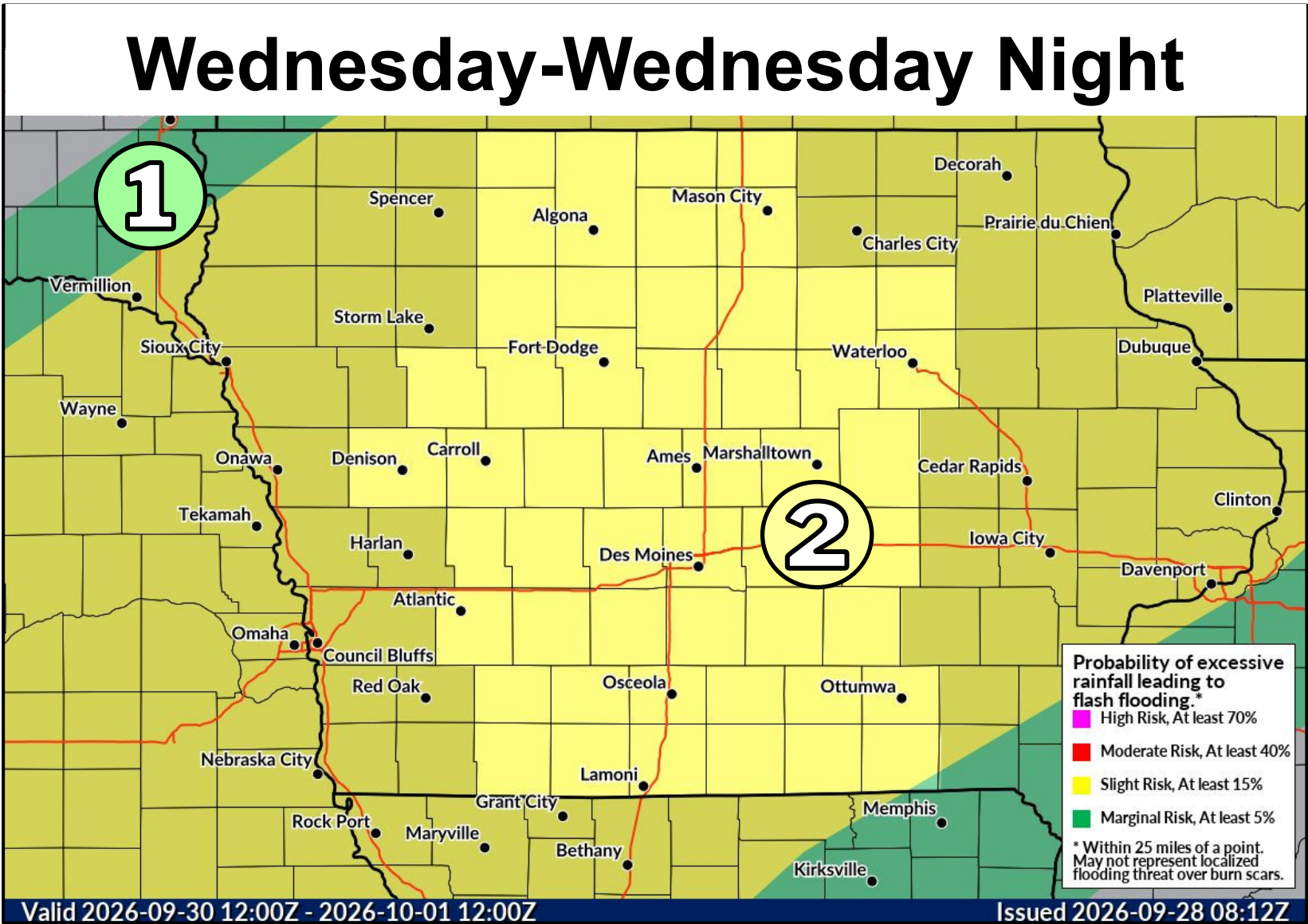
PRIMARY THREATS



URBAN-STREET
FLOODING



LOCAL RIVER AND
STREAM RISES



Excessive Rainfall Risk: NONE 1 2 3 4 HIGH



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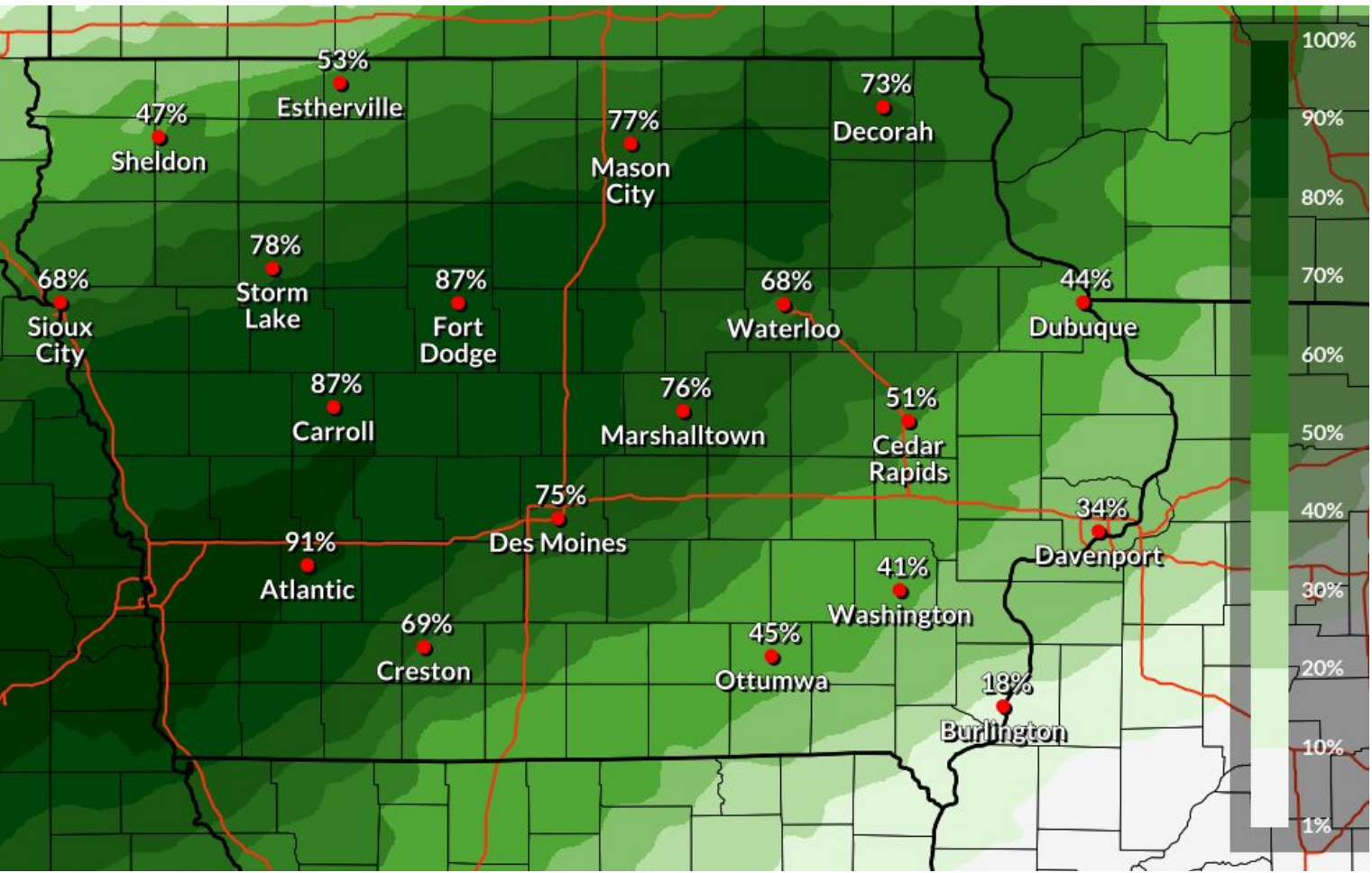
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Heavy Rain Expected This Week

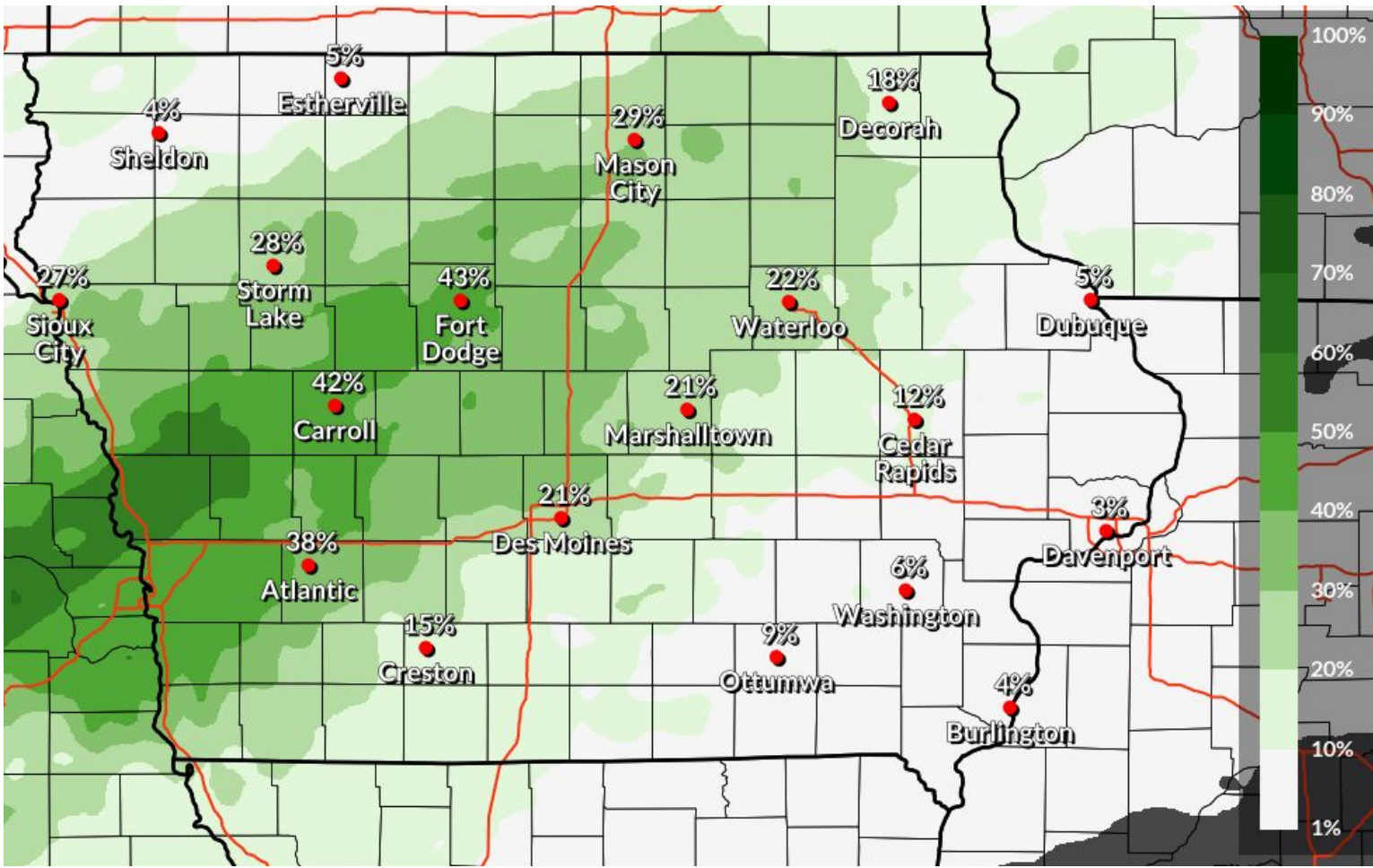
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Chance of at least 2"



Through 7 AM Thursday

Chance of at least 4"



Through 7 AM Thursday



Preparing for Flooding

The amount of rain forecast through Thursday could lead to flooding. Here is how you can prepare for flooding.

- Ensure downspouts and storm drains are clear of leaves and other debris.
- If you have a sump pump, make sure it is operating properly.
- If you are at a risk of flooding, have a plan.
- Check river levels at weather.gov/dmx/water



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