

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Situational Report -Final

Date of Release: January 26, 2026

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Incident or Event Overview

Situation

Winter Storm FERN – Barnstable County

The Barnstable County Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC) secured operations at 0900 hours following continued improvement in conditions across Cape Cod.

Overnight monitoring identified minimal, isolated power outages, all of which were rapidly restored by Eversource. No significant infrastructure, public safety, sheltering, or healthcare issues were reported, and no unmet needs were identified during the final operational period.

At this time, the primary focus is on post-storm recovery and safe road clearance operations. Public messaging emphasizes that residents should stay off the roadways where possible to allow local DPW, MassDOT, and highway crews full access to conduct plowing, widening, and snow removal activities safely and efficiently.

Conditions continue to stabilize, and no further MACC coordination is anticipated unless conditions change. This update serves as the final situational awareness statement for this event, consistent with statewide demobilization and transition back to steady-state operations.

Impacts/ Potential Impacts

Snowfall and Travel

- Snow removal operations are ongoing across all Cape Cod communities.
- Primary and secondary roadways are passable, though snow-covered and icy conditions remain in some areas.
- Travel conditions continue to improve as plowing, widening, and cleanup operations progress.

Power and Utilities

- Minimal, isolated power outages were reported overnight.
- Eversource restored all known outages quickly, with no prolonged service disruptions.
- No utility infrastructure issues or unmet needs have been identified.

Public Safety and Emergency Services

- No significant public safety incidents were reported overnight.
- Emergency services remain fully operational across the region.
- No requests for regional assistance were received during the final operational period.

Updates from Agencies/Utilities

Eversource has declared a **Level 4** event and reports system stability across Cape Cod, with restoration activities completed and no outstanding issues identified.

National Grid similarly reports system stability.

Regional Shelter Update

With no reported outages, the regional disaster sheltering system has stood down for the event.

Weather Forecast Overview

Advisories, Watches, and Warnings

Winter Storm Warning remains in effect through this evening, with light snow tapering off.

No coastal flood warnings are currently in effect for Barnstable County.

All high wind warnings associated with this event have expired.

MEMA Operations

MEMA's State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) and Regional Emergency Operations Centers (REOCs) operated under partial activation through the morning hours. MEMA reports no unmet needs or outstanding mission requests. The SEOC and REOCs are demobilizing and returning to

steady-state operations today at 3:00 PM.

Preparedness and Safety Information

Residents should avoid unnecessary travel to allow snowplows and utility crews to complete cleanup operations safely.

Use caution when walking or driving due to residual snow, ice, and cold temperatures.

Continue to check on vulnerable neighbors and ensure safe heating practices during the cold weather period.

Community Information and Updates

- Duffy Health Center's "In from the Streets" program activated yesterday morning to accommodate sheltering needs for homeless individuals. Anyone who needs support during the storm should report to Saint Joseph's House for intake.
- Steamship Authority: Check travel advisories at [Travel Status for Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Ferry | The Steamship Authority](#).
- Hyline: Check travel advisories at [Hy-Line Cruises: Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard High-Speed Ferries \(hylinecruises.com\)](#)

Stay Informed

For additional information and updated forecasts, see www.weather.gov/boston (National Weather Service Norton)

Utilize MEMA's real-time **power outage viewer** to stay informed about current power outages in your community and region, and across the state, including information from utility companies about restoration times: <http://mema.mapsonline.net/public.html>

Online Resources/Links

Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning webpage [Emergency Planning Committee Archive - Barnstable County \(capecod.gov\)](#)

Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Facebook page [Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Committee | Facebook](#)

Barnstable County Regional Emergency Planning Twitter [Barnstable County REPC \(@bcrepc\) / Twitter](#)

Barnstable County Main Facebook [Barnstable County Government | Facebook](#)

Barnstable County Main Twitter [Barnstable County Government \(@CapeCodGov\) / Twitter](#)

Barnstable County Main Website [Home - Barnstable County \(capecod.gov\)](#)

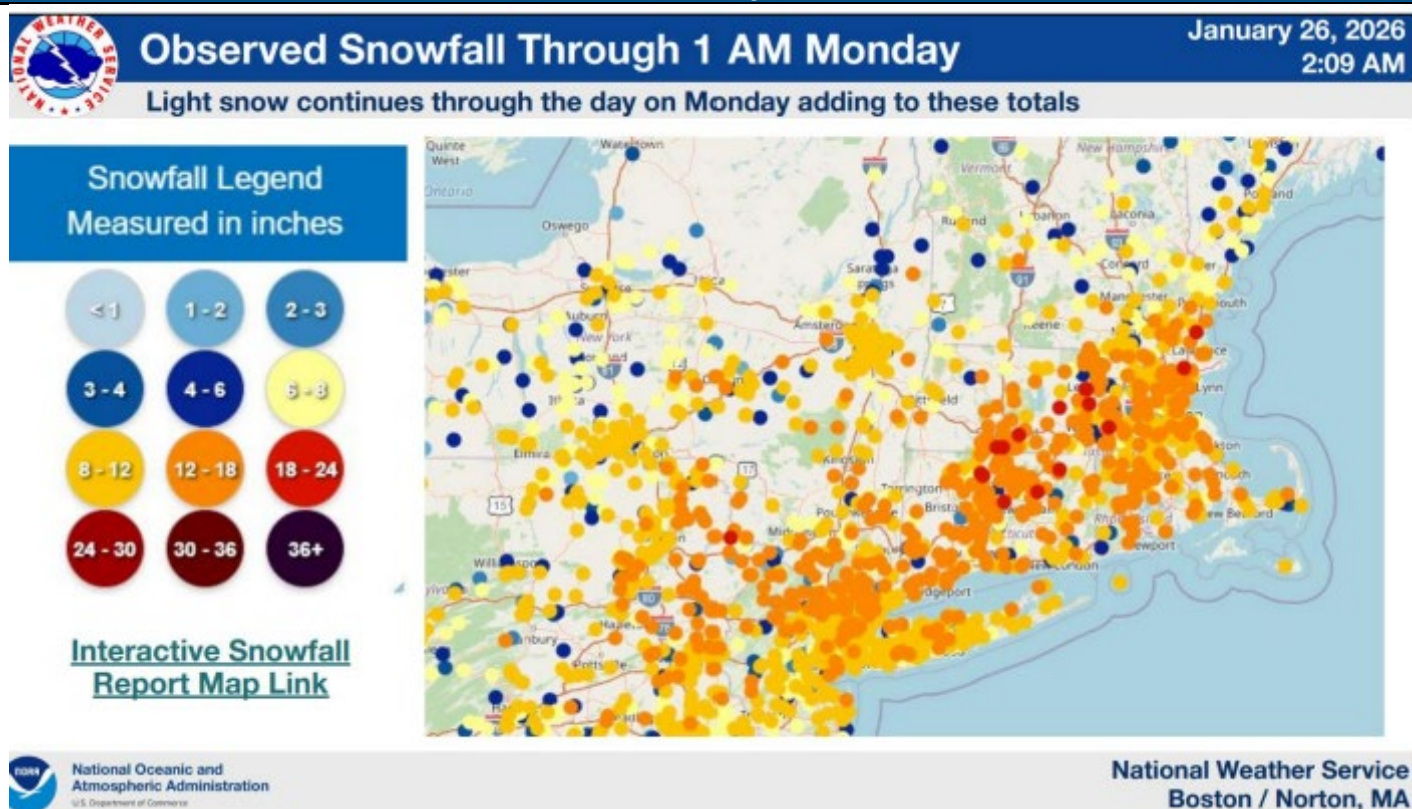
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency www.mass.gov/mema

MEMA Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA>

MEMA Twitter [@MassEMA](#)
Mass211 www.mass211.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency www.fema.gov
National Weather Service Boston/ Norton, MA www.weather.gov/boston
National Weather Service/Albany, NY www.weather.gov/albany
National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov
National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center www.spc.noaa.gov
Northeast River Forecast Center www.weather.gov/nerfc/
National Hurricane Center www.nhc.noaa.gov

Weather Graphics





Additional Snow Accumulation 1AM Mon - 1AM Tue

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2:09 AM

Timing Confidence

LOW MEDIUM **HIGH**

- Light to moderate snow lingers through much of Mon, especially central and eastern MA

Snow Amounts Confidence

LOW **MEDIUM** HIGH

- Medium to High confidence in an additional several inches, highest over far eastern/northeastern MA.

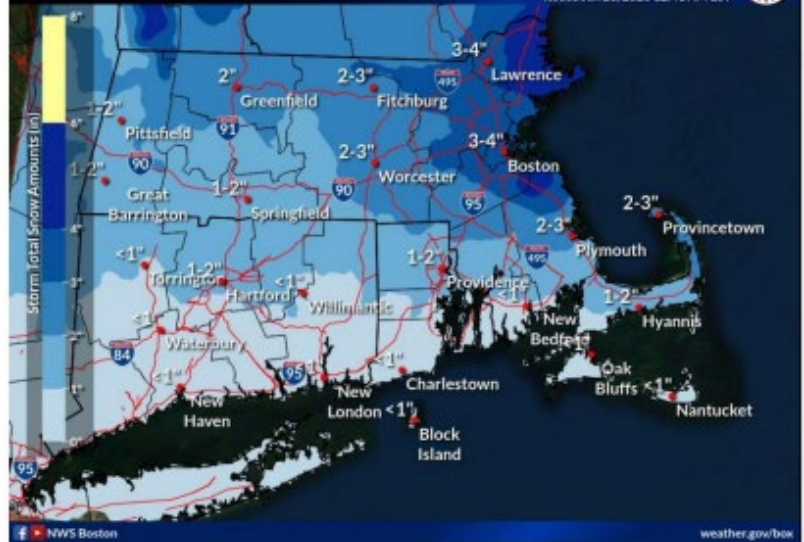
Travel Impacts Confidence

LOW MEDIUM **HIGH**

Travel will be difficult, especially Monday morning's commute.

Additional Snowfall Accumulations 1AM Mon - 1AM Tue

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Snow Ending Time

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Snow is lighter as it tapers off through the day on Monday



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Forecast Minimum Wind Chills Through The Week

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2:09 AM

Minimum Wind Chill Forecast (°F)

	1/26 Mon				1/27 Tue				1/28 Wed				1/29 Thu				1/30 Fri				1/31 Sat				2/1 Sun			
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Boston	10	7	12	7	-2	-3	9	4	-4	-5	10	3	-1	0	9	-1	-10	-11	3	-3	-6	-6	10	3	-4	-4	14	13
Gloucester	17	14	15	6	-3	-4	10	5	-3	-4	11	6	2	1	10	0	-7	-8	5	0	-2	-1	12	7	1	1	14	15
Hartford	9	9	15	3	-4	-4	11	0	-3	-3	12	9	7	2	8	-3	-12	-13	2	-4	-9	-10	9	-1	-8	-8	14	12
Hyannis	23	26	21	9	-1	-1	10	6	1	1	11	10	8	7	10	3	-4	-4	3	1	1	1	11	9	7	7	16	15
Lowell	2	2	11	5	-4	-4	10	3	-6	-7	10	7	5	-3	9	-2	-12	-12	3	-5	-8	-8	11	2	-6	-7	15	13
Nantucket	25	27	23	11	2	2	12	9	4	4	12	14	10	8	10	5	-1	-2	5	5	4	5	12	12	10	11	17	18
New Bedford	21	16	17	5	-4	-4	11	3	-3	-4	11	6	3	1	8	-1	-8	-9	3	-2	-6	-6	11	4	-3	-3	15	12
New Haven	11	16	16	4	0	-1	8	1	-6	-7	11	13	10	3	9	1	-7	-8	2	-1	-3	-4	9	5	-1	-2	14	14
Newport	18	14	15	5	-2	-2	9	3	-3	-3	11	7	3	2	8	-1	-7	-8	3	-2	-5	-4	10	4	-1	-1	14	13
Pittsfield	1	6	5	-10	-12	-9	6	-3	0	-1	5	5	2	0	0	-9	-17	-18	-8	-8	-12	-13	1	-4	-10	-10	7	3
Providence	15	9	15	4	-3	-3	10	4	-4	-4	11	9	8	1	9	1	-9	-10	3	-3	-5	-5	11	2	-4	-5	16	12
Springfield	6	5	14	1	-7	-8	10	-3	-9	-10	10	8	4	-5	5	-6	-15	-14	1	-7	-12	-13	9	-4	-12	-13	12	8
Worcester	1	1	10	1	-7	-7	6	-1	-8	-9	7	0	-3	-4	6	-5	-13	-14	-1	-8	-10	-10	8	-2	-8	-9	13	9

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Precipitation Chances

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Probability of Precipitation Forecast (%)

	1/26 Mon				1/27 Tue				1/28 Wed				1/29 Thu				1/30 Fri				1/31 Sat			
	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm	12am	6am	12pm	6pm
Boston	80	30	85	75	10	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	5	15	10	10	5	5	5	5	0	0	5
Gloucester	85	35	90	75	25	0	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	10	15	15	10	10	5	5	5	5	0	5
Hartford	50	25	65	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	10	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Hyannis	85	10	50	45	20	0	0	5	10	10	5	0	5	15	25	25	20	15	10	10	10	5	5	5
Lowell	80	30	90	80	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	10	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Nantucket	80	5	35	30	10	0	0	10	20	15	5	0	5	20	30	30	25	15	10	10	10	5	5	5
New Bedford	80	10	60	55	5	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	10	20	15	10	5	5	5	5	5	0	5
New Haven	85	35	35	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Newport	75	10	60	50	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	10	15	15	10	5	5	5	5	5	0	5
Pittsfield	95	90	75	35	15	5	5	10	5	5	5	0	0	5	10	10	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Providence	100	25	35	75	15	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	10	15	10	5	5	5	5	5	0	0	5
Springfield	60	20	75	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Worcester	75	20	85	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

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Low chances for precipitation late-week, otherwise mainly dry this week after the storm.



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