

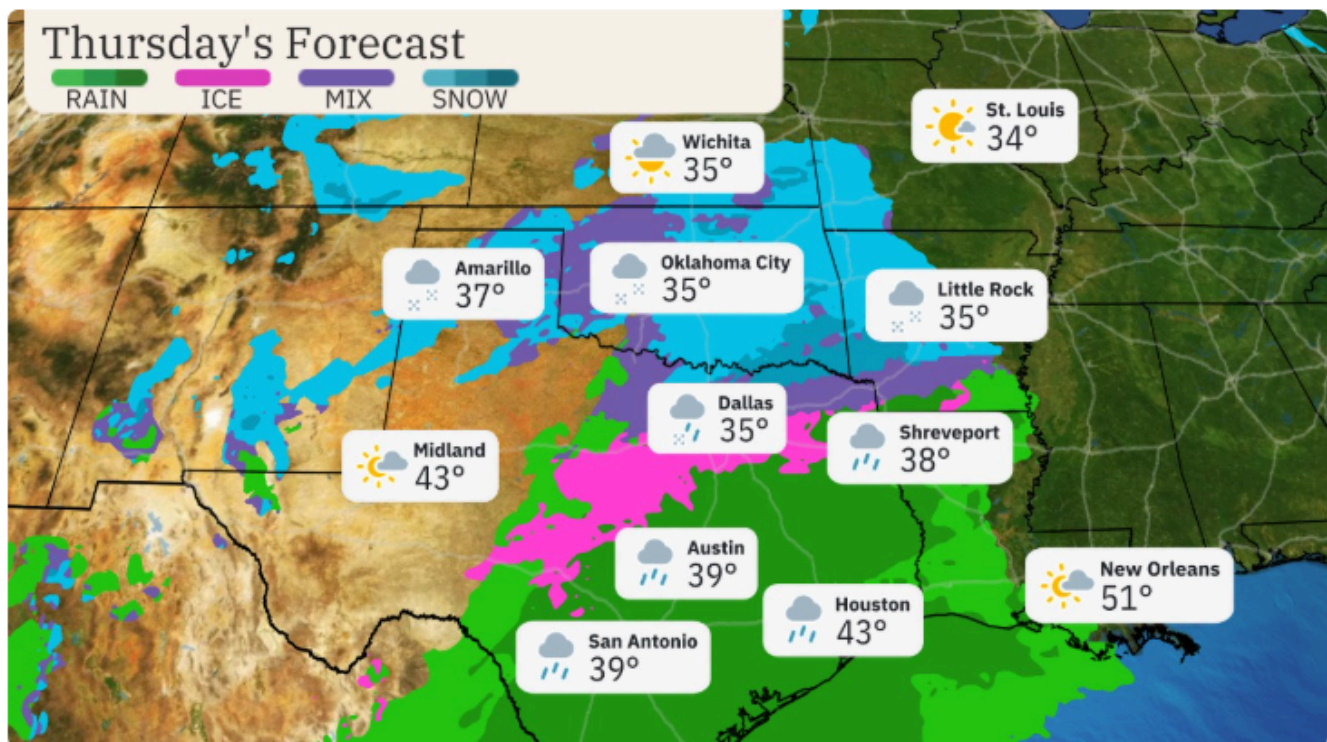
## Winter Storm Cora Operational Memo

### **Situation:**

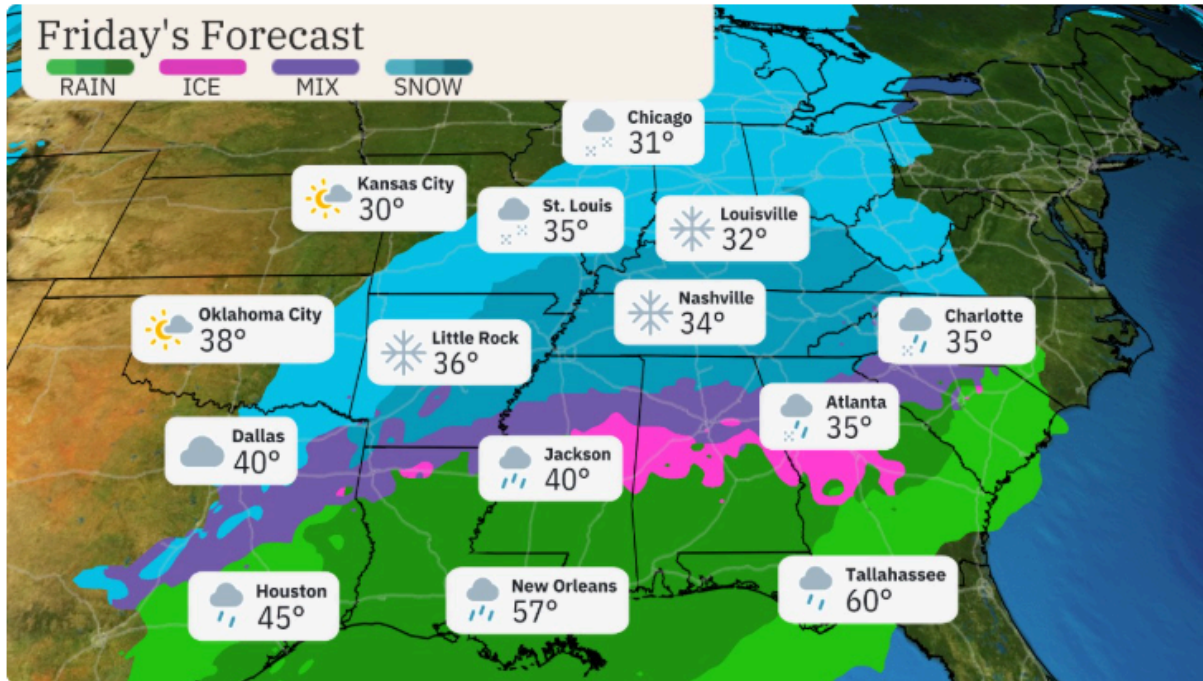
Winter Storm Cora may adversely impact shipping on Thursday and Friday January 9th and 10th, 2025.

### **Background:**

A significant winter storm is expected to blanket parts of the South with snow and ice in the coming days that could lead to more commuting and travel headaches from Texas to the Carolinas and Virginia, including Dallas-Ft. Worth and Atlanta, among other cities.



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### Timing

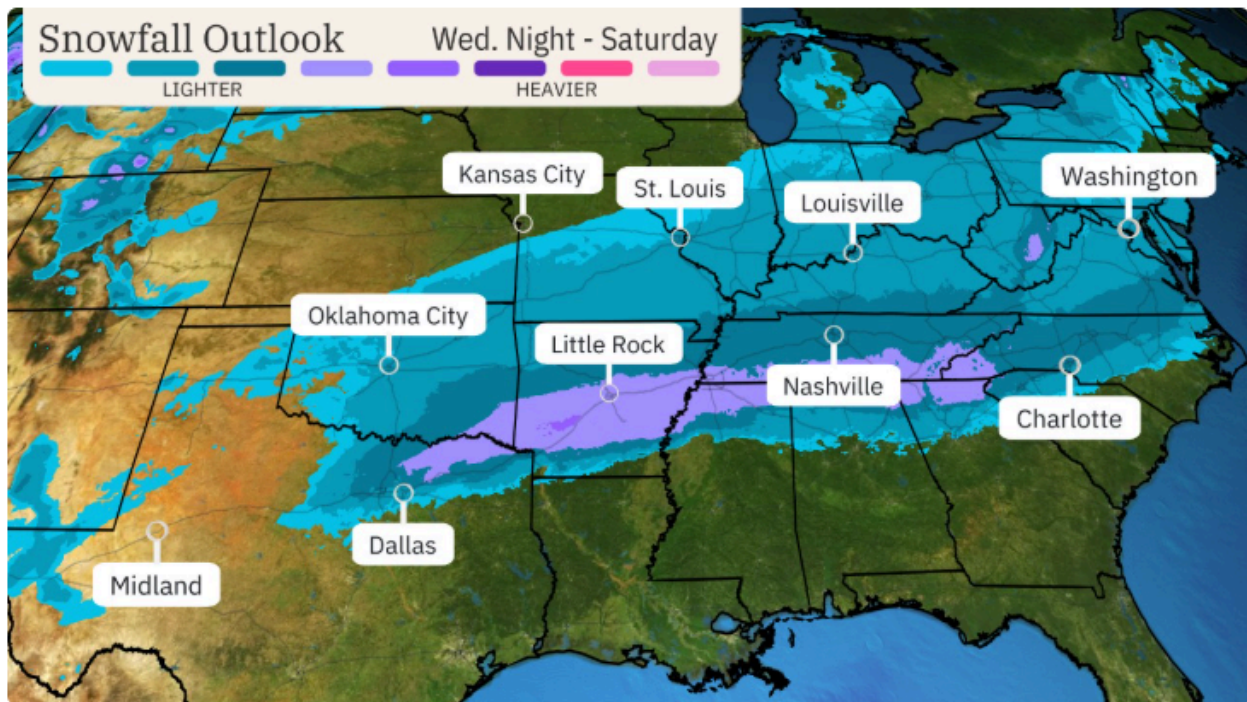
- *Wednesday Night Into Thursday*
  - At least some areas of light snow, sleet and freezing rain or drizzle may develop in the Southern Plains Wednesday night.
  - Parts of northern Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, southern Kansas and southwestern Missouri are forecast to see snow.
  - A band of sleet and freezing rain may stretch from central Texas into northern Louisiana and southern Arkansas.
  - Driving could be hazardous by Thursday in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Dallas-Ft. Worth, Little Rock and the Texas Hill Country.
- *Friday*
  - Any wintry precipitation in Oklahoma and Texas should end by midday.
  - Snow will spread from the Mid-South region into Kentucky, Tennessee, far northern parts of Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia into North Carolina and possibly upstate South Carolina.
  - Areas just south of this main band of snow might see a wintry mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain, generally near and north of Interstate 20 from northern Louisiana to Georgia.

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- This could lead to treacherous travel throughout these areas, with some roads possibly becoming impassable, especially in hilly or mountainous terrain.
- Metro areas that could see wintry travel conditions for at least a part of Friday include Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, Huntsville, Little Rock, Memphis and Nashville.

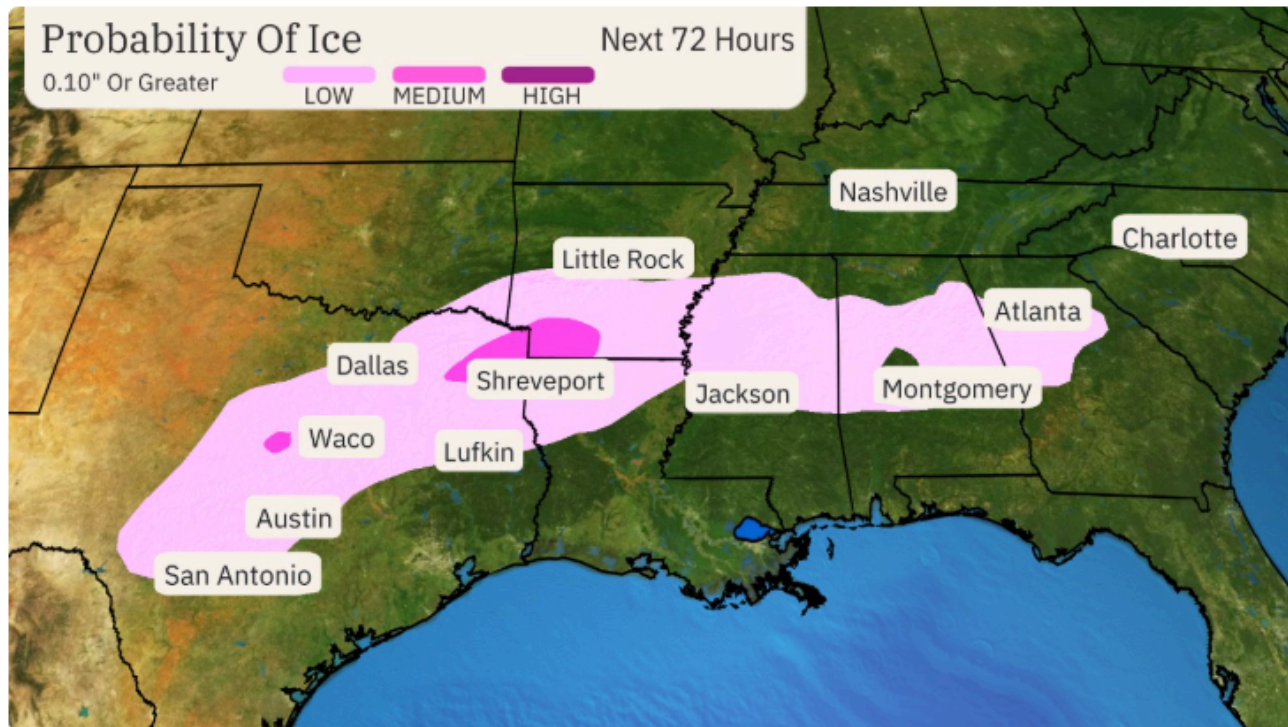
### Snow, Ice Potential

- From far northern Texas and southeast Oklahoma into Arkansas, northern Mississippi, northern Alabama, far northern Georgia, southeast Tennessee and extreme western North Carolina, at least moderate snow accumulations are possible. In some areas that means 5 or more inches could pile up.
- Elsewhere, light to moderate accumulating snow totals of at least a few inches are expected from southern Kansas and Missouri to the Ohio Valley and East.
- Accumulating sleet or freezing rain is possible from central and northern Texas at least to northern Georgia. This may be enough to make roads hazardous and could lead to tree damage and power outages in some areas.





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### **Assessment:**

[FedEx's](#) hub is located in Memphis, TN and they are pre-emptively shutting down starting Thursday January 9th. The last day for regular, uninterrupted cold chain or overnight shipments is Wednesday January 8th. [USPS](#) is also expecting delayed shipments across multiple states.

### **Recommendation:**

1. Ascension Rx Pharmacy Services Center (Ascension Rx 1001) will still be shipping USPS and FedEx Ground shipments on Thursday & Friday, however no overnight shipments will be going out. Phone lines and prescription processing will be open as usual.
  - a. If patients need prescriptions filled immediately, they can fill locally at an Ascension Community location if they can safely travel. Please note, traveling in certain parts of the country during this storm is discouraged depending on location.
2. Ascension Rx 1001 Specialty patients will be contacted to reschedule deliveries if they were already set up for Friday January 10th delivery

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3. Ascension Rx 1303 cold chain specialty patients will be contacted to reschedule deliveries if they were scheduled to be delivered January 10th and are located in one of the weather-impacted areas.
4. Ascension Rx 1303 non cold chain specialty patients will be contacted and informed of possible delays and be given the option to reschedule deliveries for anything that was due to be delivered on January 10th to one of the weather-impacted areas.
5. Phone lines and business operations will continue during the weather event(s).