Winter Weather - Polar Vortex

- February is barely a week old, but it has already featured a historic nor’easter, brutally cold arctic temperatures and a spate of deadly avalanches across the US.
- Now, Mother Nature is upping the ante with the potential for a crippling ice storm and rounds of heavy snow.
- Winter storm watches are in effect for nearly 10 million people across more than half a dozen states from Arkansas to West Virginia.
- A series of storms is forecast to march across the Midwest and into the Northeast through this weekend and could leave behind another 6 to 12 inches of snow across parts of the Mid-Atlantic.
- As much as half to three-quarters of an inch of ice could accumulate Wednesday and Thursday in cities such as Springfield, Missouri; Evansville, Indiana; and Louisville, Kentucky, leading to travel difficulties across the region, broken tree limbs and widespread power outages.
- The ice storm is forecast to begin late Tuesday, with a brief pause before the second round moves through Wednesday and Thursday.

Tornado Activity

Alabama (January 25th)

- It’s been just over two weeks since a deadly tornado ripped through parts of Jefferson County flattening the City of Fultondale and many are wondering when, or if, the county will receive federal assistance to rebuild.
- Jefferson County’s EMA Director said the county is still collecting data from that storm, so the application can be submitted to Gov. Ivey.
- He said it’s a painstaking process because everything needs to be documented, and the county must meet a multi-million-dollar threshold to qualify for FEMA assistance.
- Jefferson County EMA Director, Jim Coker, said the EF-3 tornado that ripped a 9-mile path of destruction through parts of the county was unique...because no other county was touched.
- "So, in order to meet a state threshold, first you...usually, have to meet the county threshold and then the state threshold. There is no other county involved, so Jefferson County's got to meet the state threshold," Coker said. He said that threshold is over $7 million in uninsured losses.
- He said city leaders, county leaders and Jefferson County School leaders are going over the damage with a fine-tooth comb to gather all of the storm data.
- Once that process is complete, the information can go to the governor, who can then request assistance from the federal government.
COVID-19 Update

- The United States reported 92,666 new cases of Covid-19 and 3,031 additional virus-related deaths on Tuesday, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.
- That raises the national total to at least 27,189,761 infections and 468,103 fatalities since the pandemic began.
- The totals include cases from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and other US territories, as well as repatriated cases.
- Vaccines: At least 62,898,775 vaccine doses have been distributed and at least 43,206,190 shots administered, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 2/10/2021

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