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Winter Weather

- A long-lasting ice storm that will impact a 1,200-mile-long stretch of the United States through Thursday began across some central and southern portions of the country Tuesday night and early Wednesday.
- The storm duo is also forecast to produce a swath of snow ranging from a coating to a foot or more in portions of the Interstate 70 and 80 corridors in the

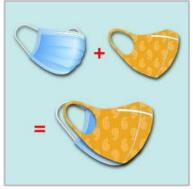
Midwest and along part of I-68 in the central Appalachians and mid-Atlantic region.



- However, it is the icy portion of the storm farther south that may be the most dangerous, disruptive and even destructive part of the winter storm pair from Texas to West Virginia and Virginia.
- "Locations from northern Arkansas and southern Missouri to central and southern West Virginia
 have the potential to pick up between 0.25 and 0.50 of an inch of ice that adheres to elevated
 surfaces," AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Brett Anderson said.

COVID-19 Update

- Federal health officials on Wednesday urged Americans to consider wearing two masks as one of several strategies to better protect themselves against the threat of more contagious variants of the coronavirus.
- "We know that universal masking works," said John Brooks, medical
 officer for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's covid-19
 response. "And now these variants are circulating. ... Whatever we
 can do to improve the fit of a mask to make it work better, the faster
 we can end this pandemic."
- Two methods substantially boost fit and protection, according to a CDC report and updated guidance on its website. One is wearing a cloth mask over a disposable surgical mask.
- The second is improving the fit of a single surgical mask by knotting the ear loops and tucking in the sides close to the face to prevent air from leaking out around the edges.
- Both of those methods reduced exposure to potentially infectious aerosols by more than 95% in a laboratory experiment using dummies, the report said.
- A year after the coronavirus's arrival in the United States -- with the death toll now approaching 500,000 -- the updated guidance stresses the importance of mask-wearing as one of the best defenses against more transmissible variants, along with social distancing, frequent handwashing and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.





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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request 2/11/2021						
State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes		
	N/A					

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters						
Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline		
4559 LA	Hurricane	21 Parishes	163	11/27/2020		

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