



Dangerous Heat Weather Briefing

July 2, 2026
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For eastern PA, NJ, DE and Maryland's Eastern Shore

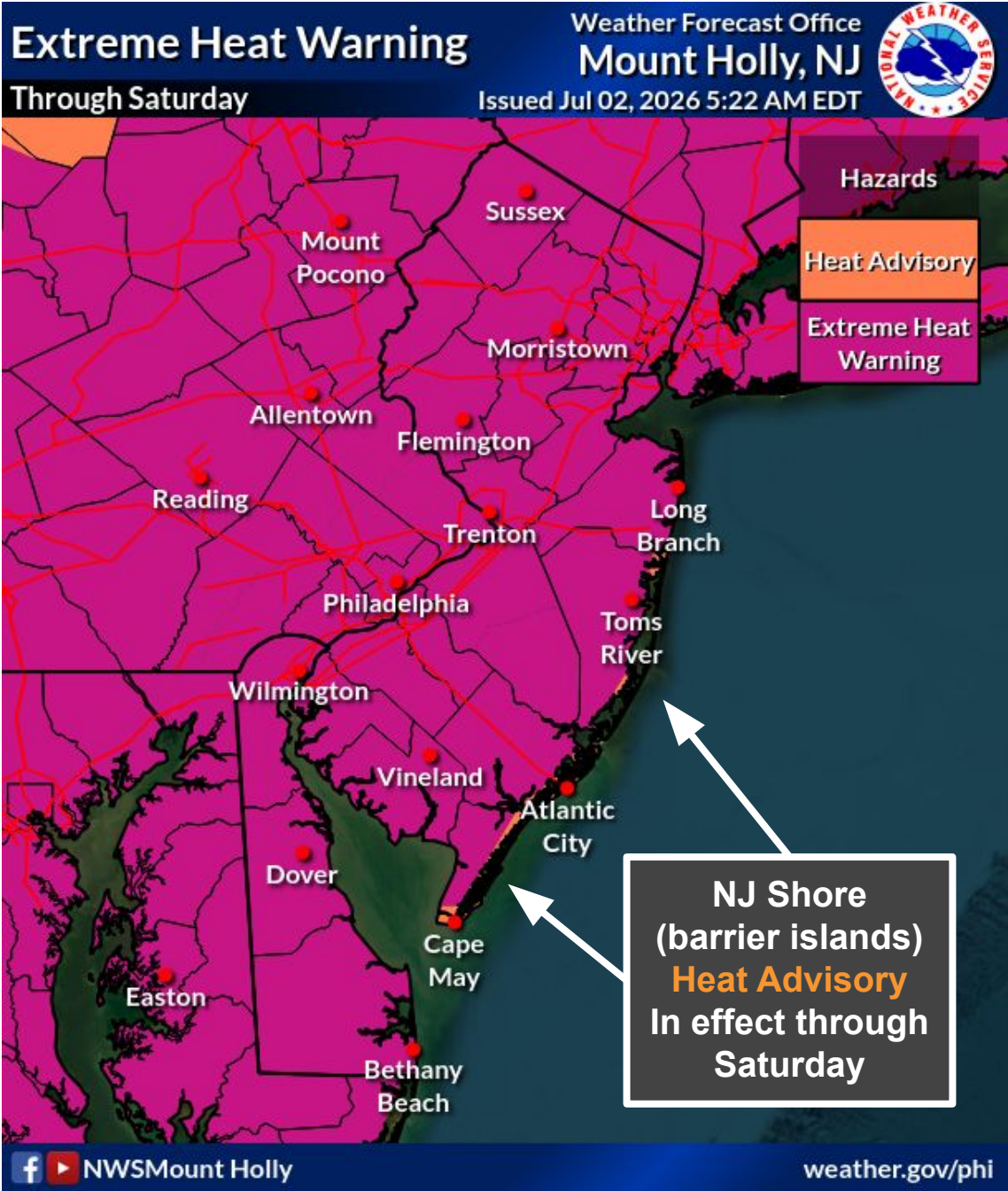
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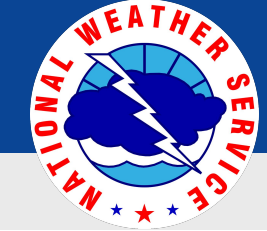
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Important Updates

- Confidence remains high in a prolonged period of dangerous heat continuing through Saturday.
- There is a SLIGHT Risk of severe thunderstorms both Friday and Saturday.



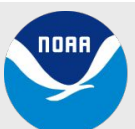


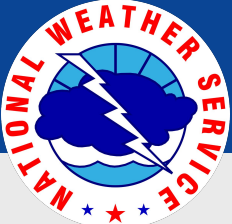
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Key Messages:

- High temperatures through Saturday will be **95-105°F for most areas (hottest days expected to be today and Friday), then some cooling Sunday through Tuesday**. *Overnight low temperatures only dropping into the mid 70s to low 80s will offer little to no relief.*
- Daytime heat index values are forecast to be between **100-110°F through Saturday**, including area beaches and mountainous areas. Heat index values locally up to 115°F possible.
- **The combination of very hot and humid conditions (near record breaking temperatures) for multiple consecutive days will increase the risk for heat related illnesses, especially for the elderly and the young.**
- A isolated to scattered thunderstorms are possible during the afternoon and evening hours of Friday through Sunday. Any storms may offer some local, temporary relief from the heat.
- **Any stronger thunderstorm could produce locally strong to damaging winds due to the extreme heat and humidity.**



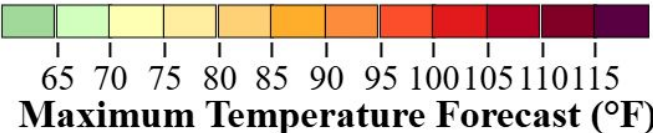


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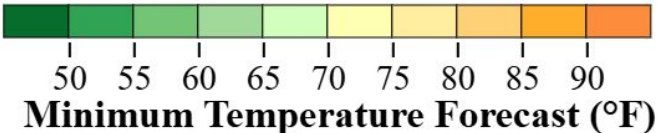
Maximum Temperature (°F) Forecast

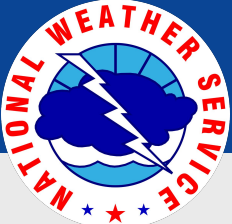
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	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Temp Max
Allentown, PA	102	101	97	91	85	85	82	102
Atlantic City, NJ	91	98	97	89	79	77	74	98
Dover, DE	101	102	101	95	89	88	85	102
Easton, MD	100	102	101	96	92	89	85	102
Georgetown, DE	100	103	102	96	91	87	84	103
Hackettstown, NJ	101	99	95	90	83	84	81	101
Mount Pocono, PA	95	93	88	83	78	79	75	95
Philadelphia, PA	103	104	101	95	87	87	83	104
Reading, PA	103	102	98	94	88	88	83	103
Toms River, NJ	101	103	100	91	86	84	82	103
Trenton, NJ	103	103	100	94	85	85	82	103
Wilmington, DE	103	102	100	96	88	87	83	103



Minimum Temperature (°F) Forecast

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	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Temp Min
Allentown, PA	75	72	68	66	65	65	65
Atlantic City, NJ	77	76	72	71	70	70	70
Dover, DE	79	76	73	71	70	70	70
Easton, MD	79	77	75	72	70	70	70
Georgetown, DE	77	76	73	71	69	69	69
Hackettstown, NJ	72	69	65	63	63	63	63
Mount Pocono, PA	71	66	63	60	60	60	60
Philadelphia, PA	80	76	72	70	68	68	68
Reading, PA	77	74	70	68	67	67	67
Toms River, NJ	78	74	70	69	68	68	68
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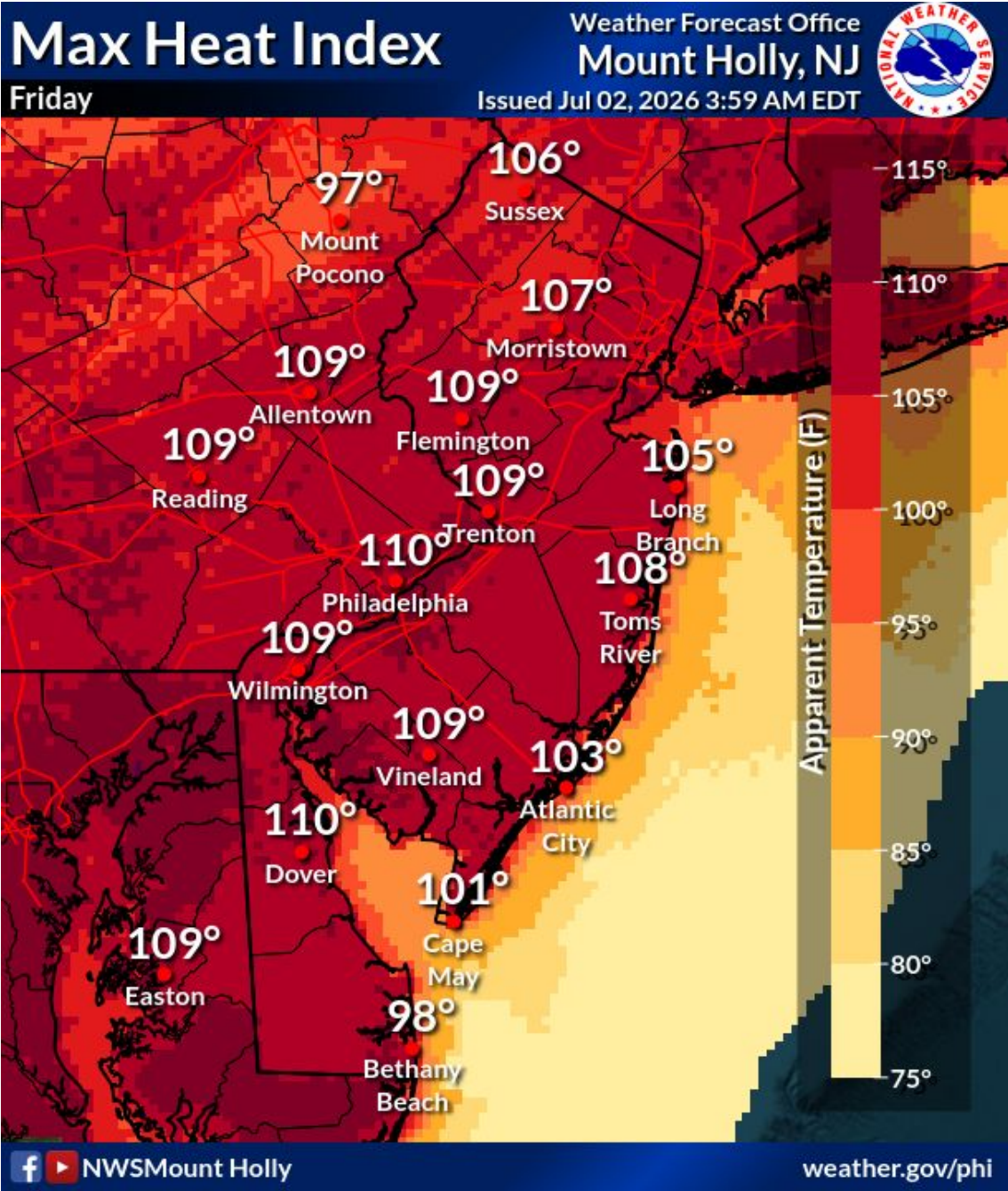
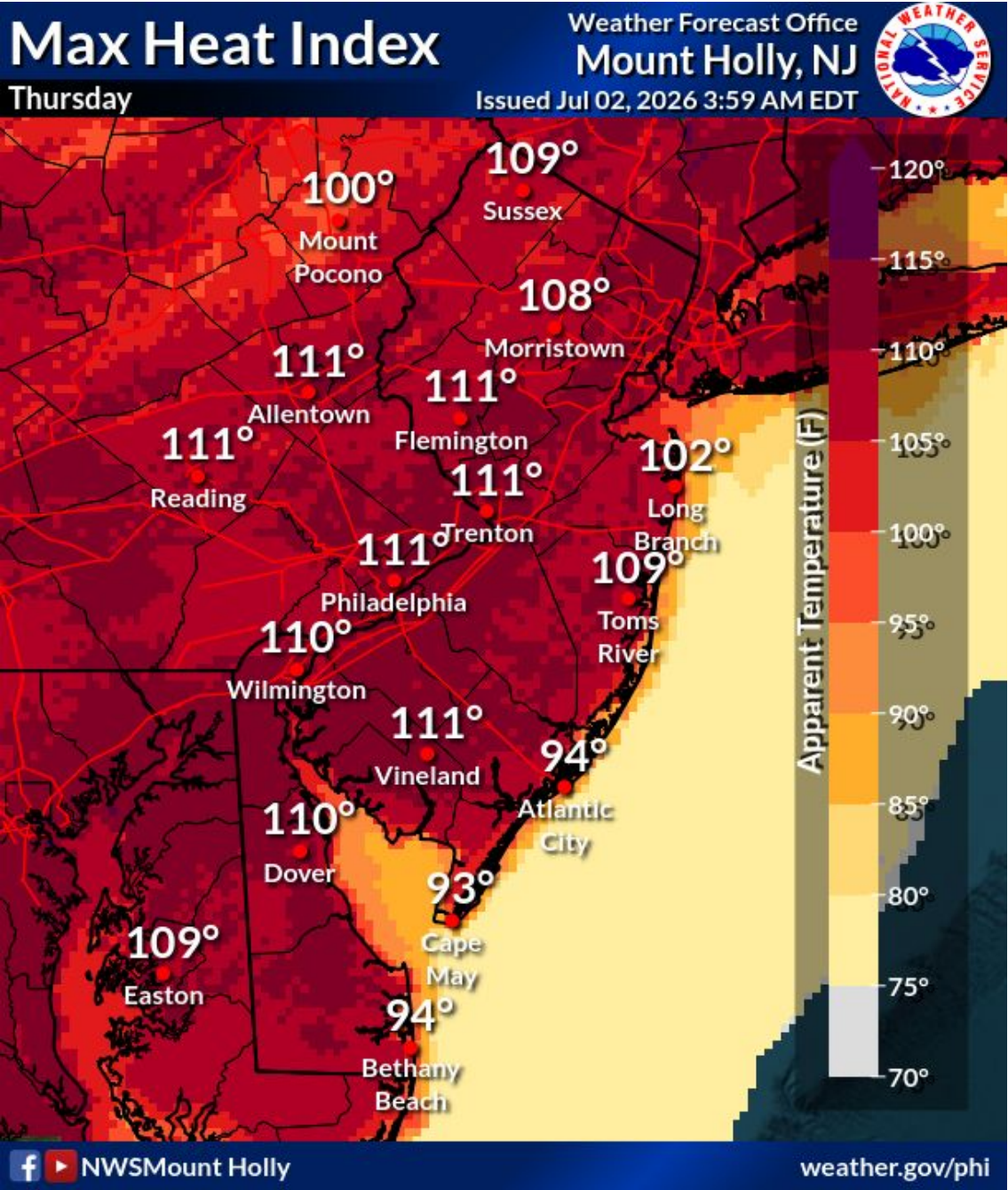


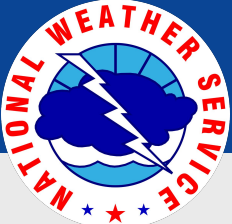
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Today

Friday



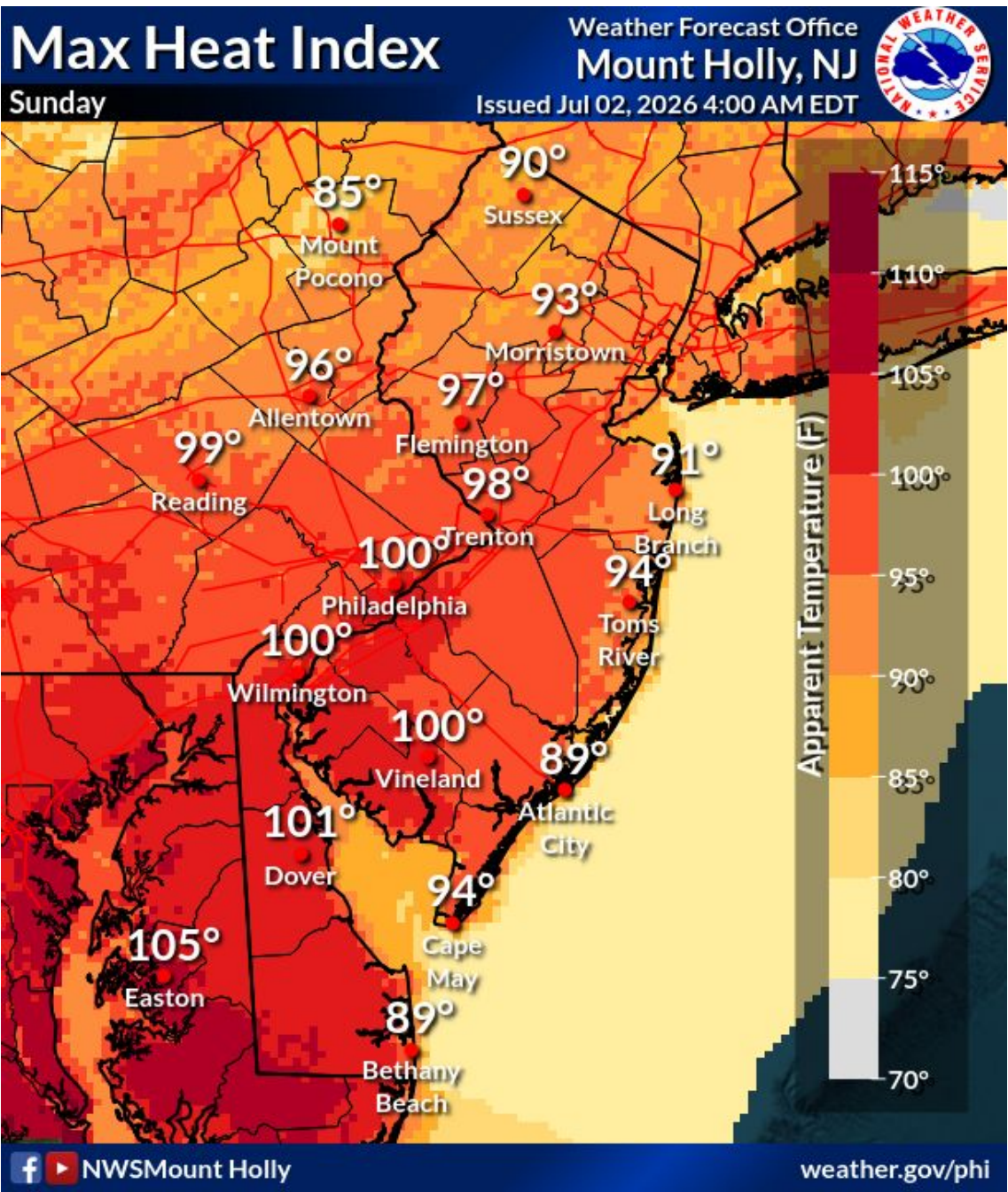
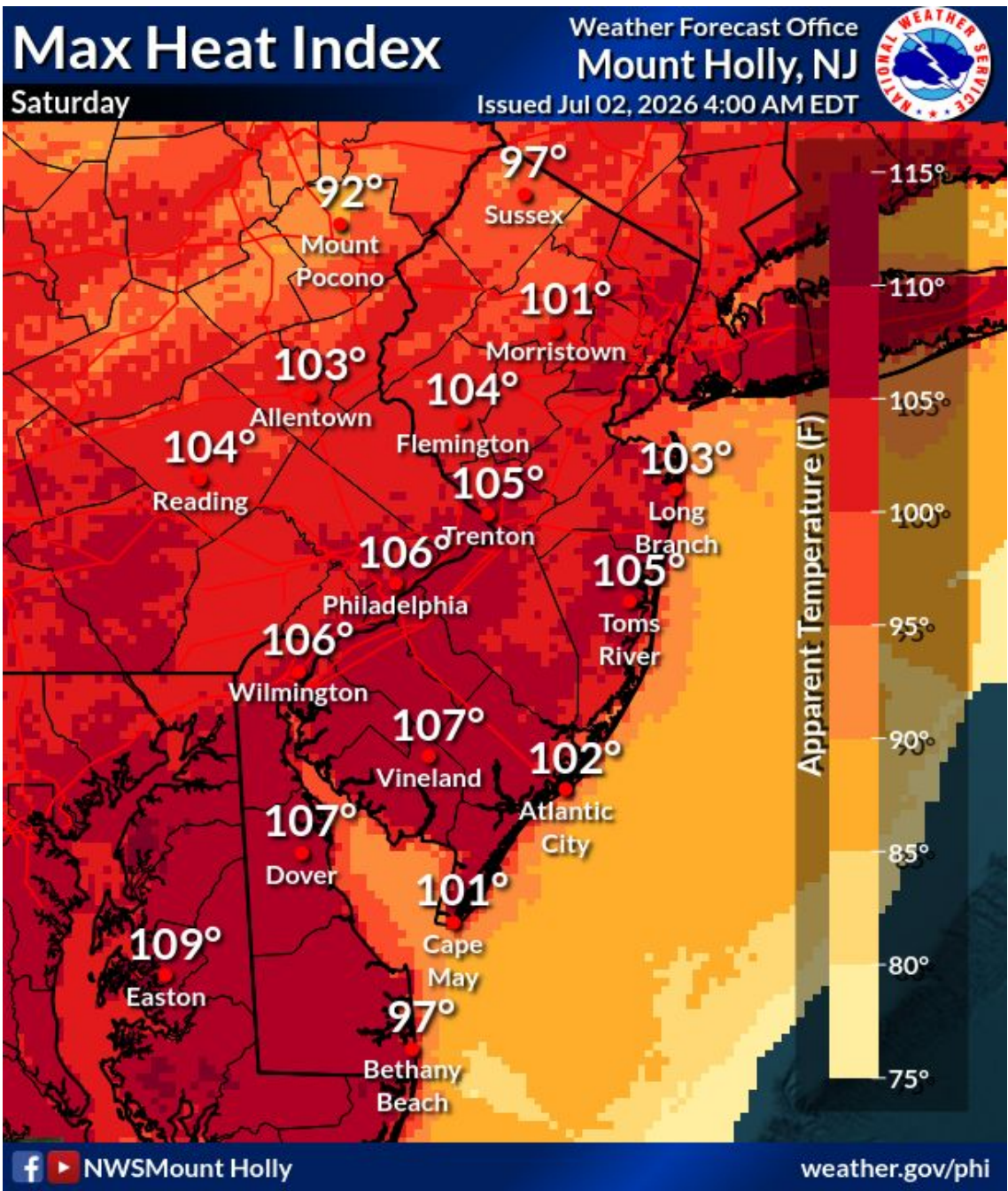


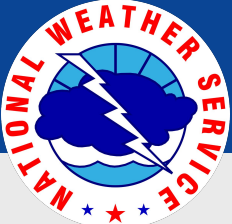
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Saturday

Sunday



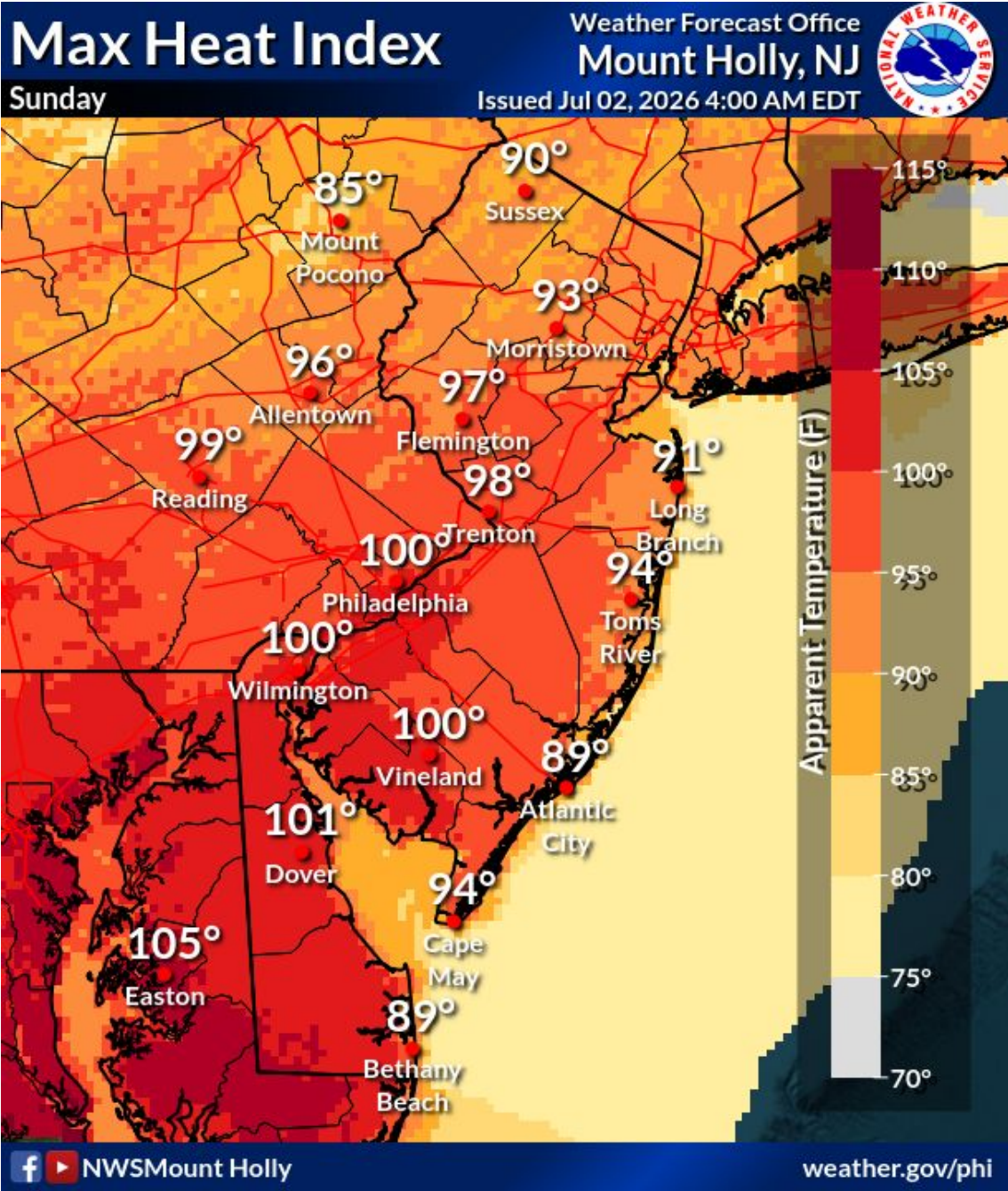
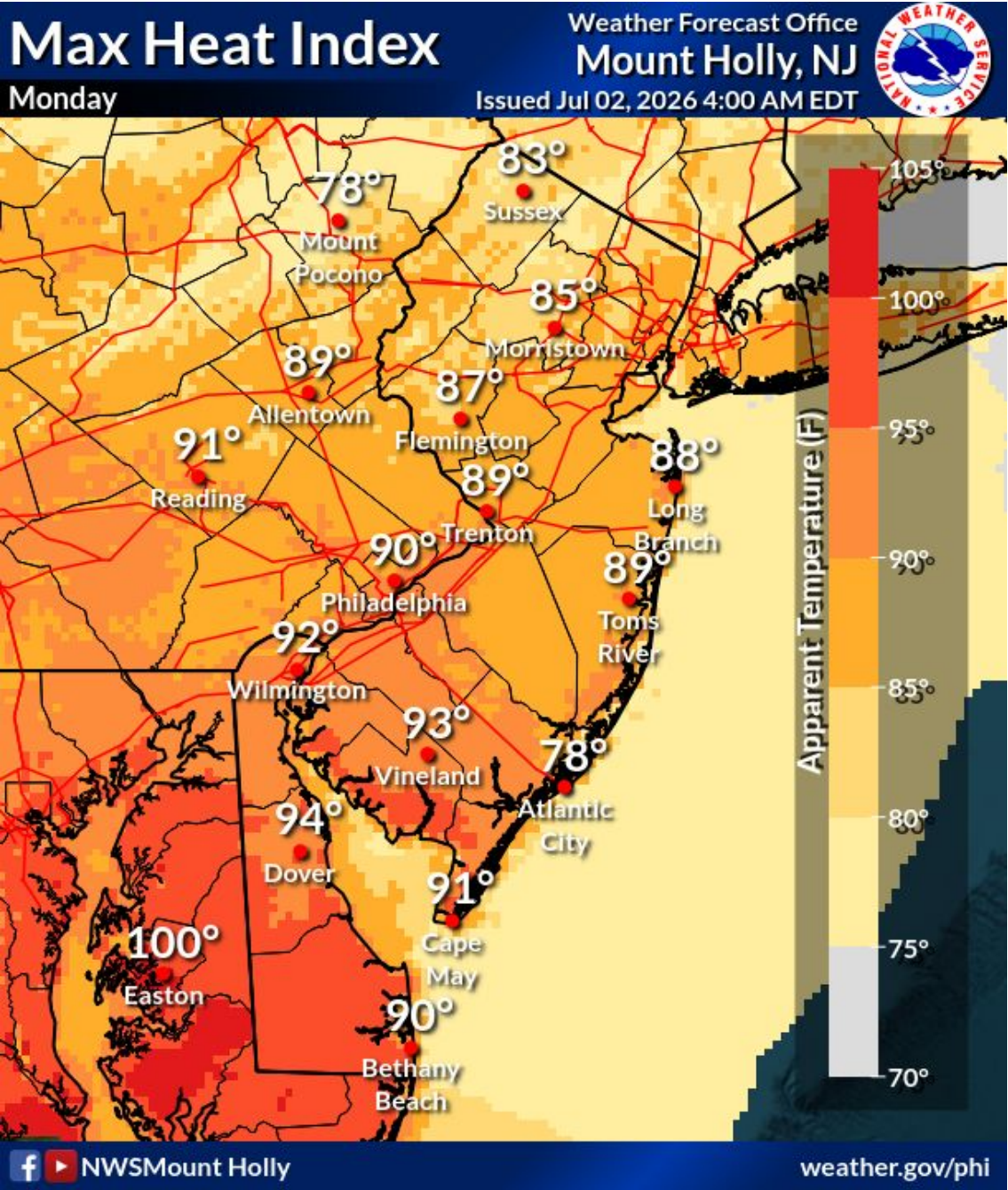


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Monday

Tuesday





Extreme HeatRisk

Friday, July 3rd

4 - extreme

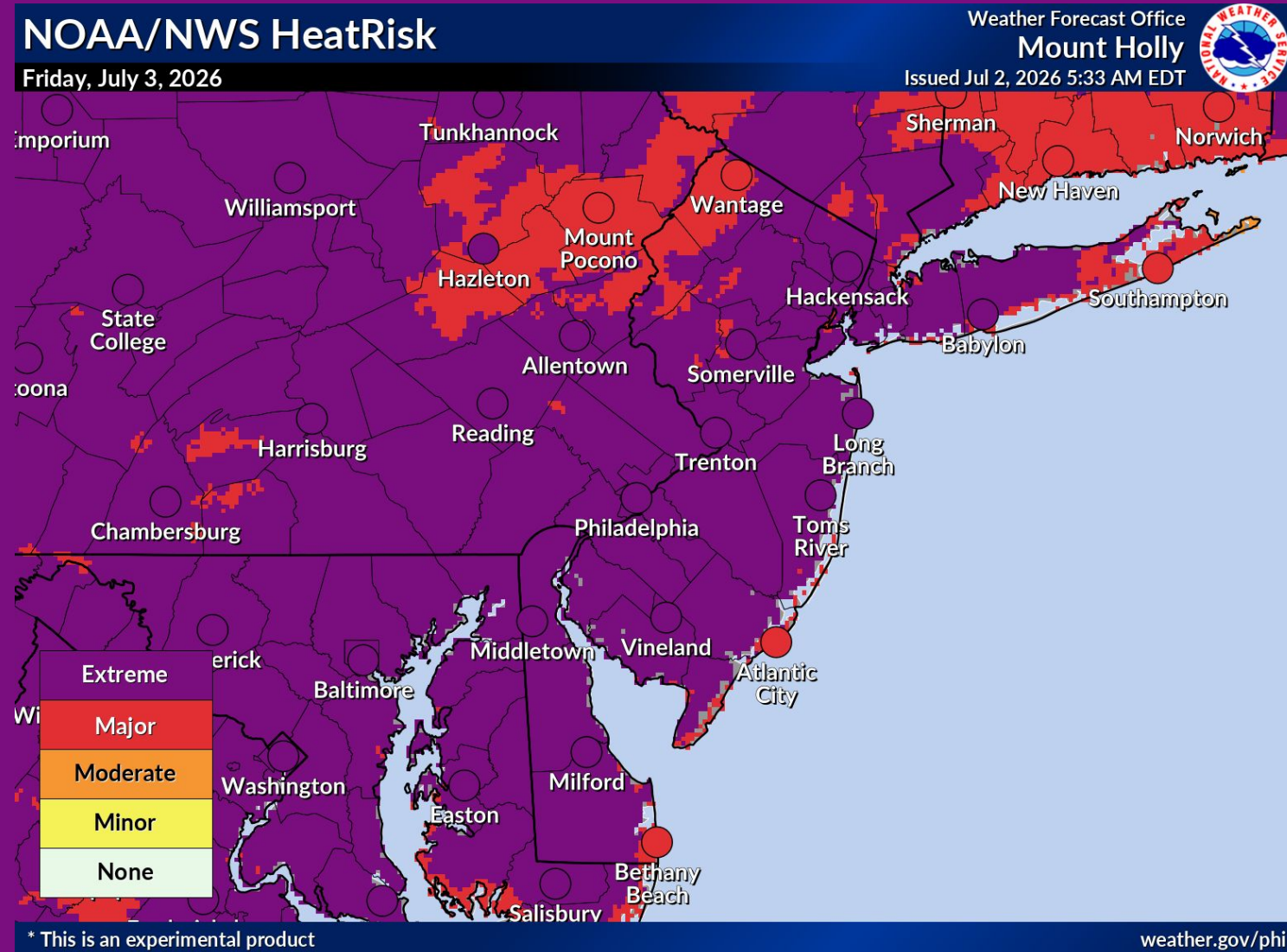
major

moderate

minor

little/none

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4th of 4 levels
of HeatRisk



What it means:

- Extreme Risk of heat-related illnesses for the entire population - this is a prolonged heat event that is very dangerous unless precautions are taken.
- Little to no relief at night. Air conditioning is necessary - fans and open windows at night will not be enough.

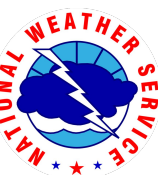
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- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing
- Cancel outdoor activities
- Stay in an air conditioned place, including overnight
- Check on your neighbors

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Extreme HeatRisk

Saturday, July 4th

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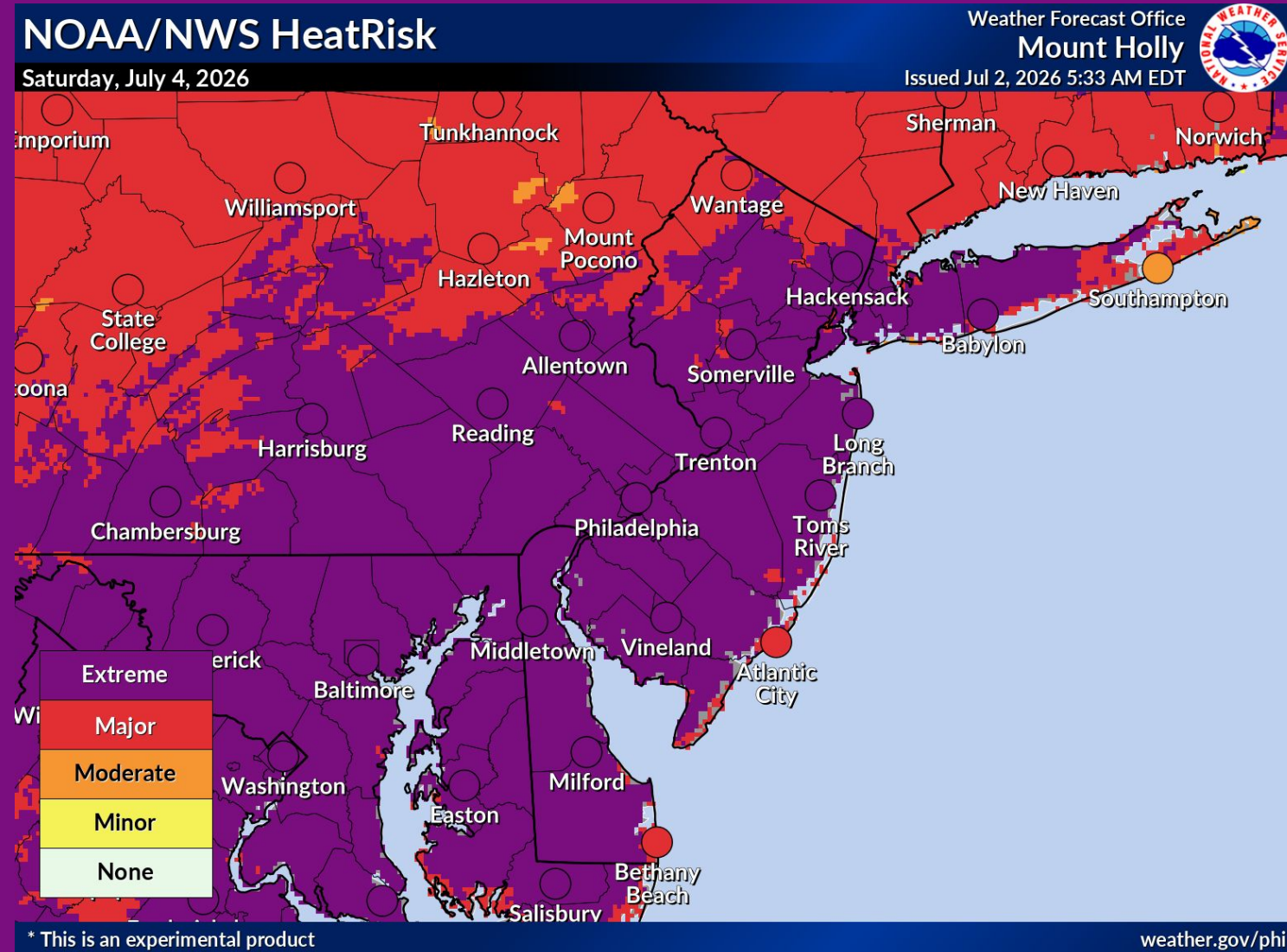
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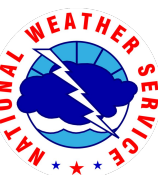
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Friday's Severe Weather Potential

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Key Points



What: Isolated to scattered severe thunderstorms possible. Locally damaging winds the primary threat.

When: 4 PM to 10 PM Friday

Where: Greatest risk of thunderstorms developing mainly northwest of I-95.

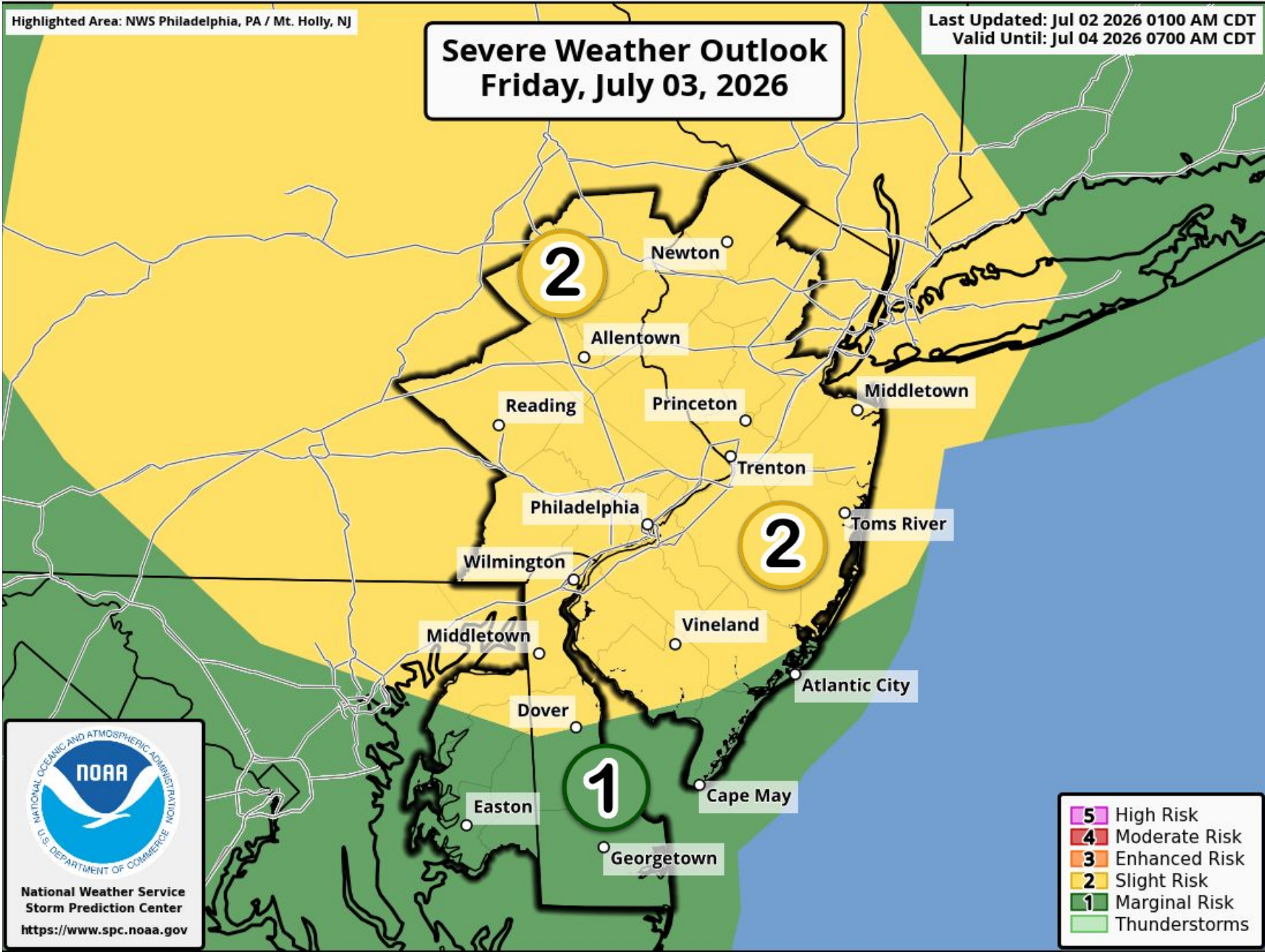
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A Slight Risk Means...

- Isolated to scattered severe storms are possible.





Saturday's Severe Weather Potential

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Key Points



What: Scattered severe thunderstorms possible. Locally damaging winds the primary threat.

When: 2 PM to 10 PM Friday

Where: Greatest risk of thunderstorms developing mainly northwest of I-95.

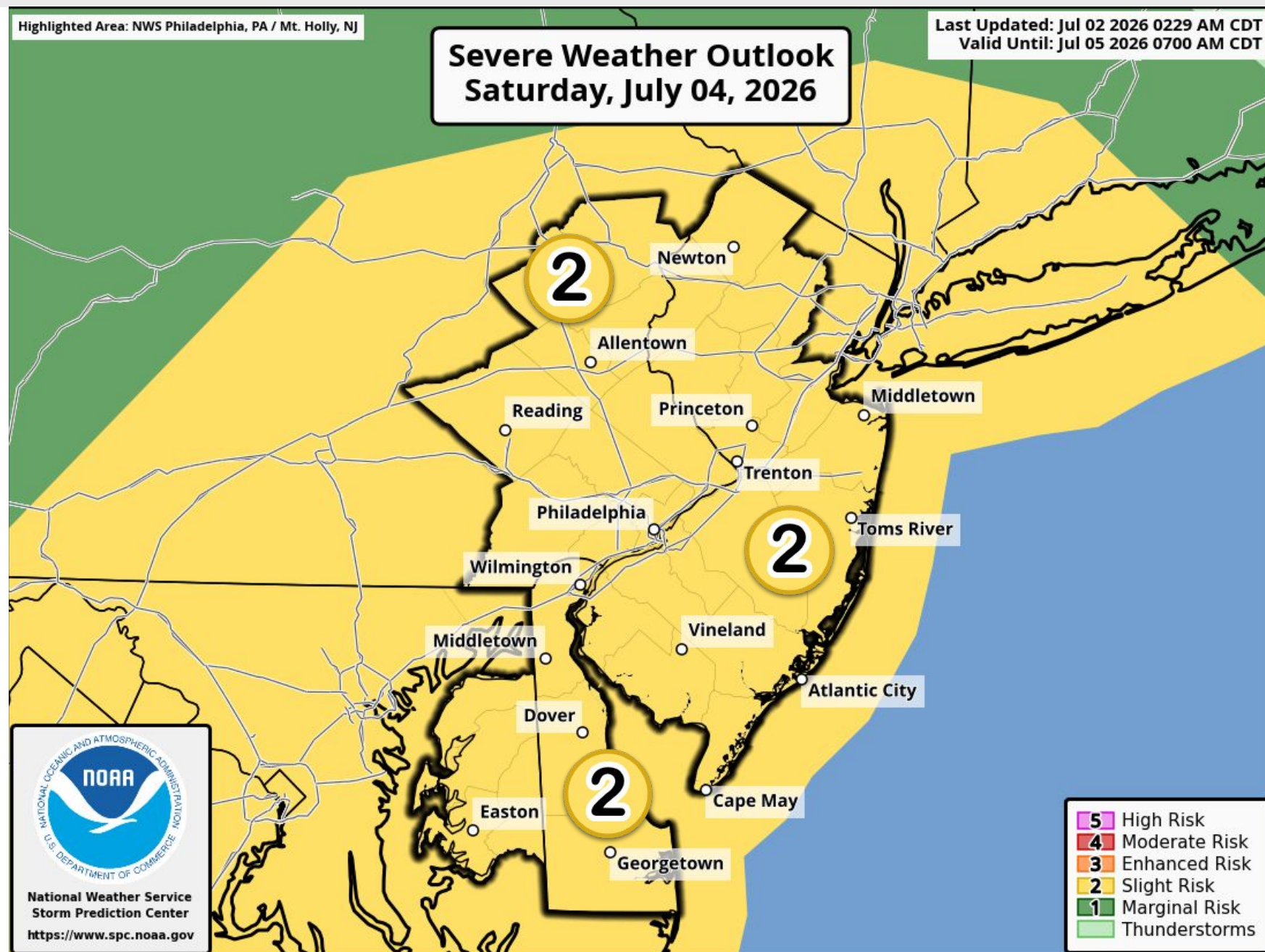
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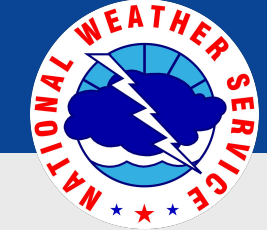
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100°F Climate Stats



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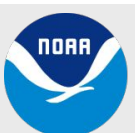
Location	Most Recent 100°F Day	Most # of Consecutive 100°F Days	Most Recent 2+ Consecutive 100°F Days	Climatological Probability of 100°F Occuring in any Year	All Time Record High
Allentown	July 22, 2011	3 days <i>7/9-11/1936 & 7/2-4/1966</i>	7/21-22/2011	16%	105° <i>(Jul 3, 1966)</i>
AC Airport	June 25, 2025	3 days <i>7/2-4/1966 & 7/22-24/2011</i>	7/22-24/2025	21%	106° <i>(Jun 28, 1969)</i>
AC Marina	July 5, 1999	1 day <i>Occurred multiple times</i>	-	<1%	104° <i>(Aug 7, 1918)</i>
Georgetown	June 25, 2025	2 days <i>Most recent 6/24-25/2025</i>	6/24-25/2025	24%	104° <i>(Jul 22 & 23, 2011)</i>
Mount Pocono	July 3, 1911	1 day <i>July 3, 1911</i>	-	0%	103° <i>(Jul 3, 1911)</i>
Philadelphia	June 24, 2025	3 days <i>7/2-4/1966 & 7/8-10/1993</i>	7/22-23/2011	24%	106° <i>(Aug 7, 1918)</i>
Reading	June 24, 2025	3 days <i>Most recent 7/21-23/2011</i>	7/21-23/2011	23%	106° <i>(Jul 22, 2011)</i>
Trenton	July 18, 2012	3 days <i>Most recent 7/21-23/2011</i>	7/21-23/2011	17%	106° <i>(Jul 9, 1936 & Jul 22, 2011)</i>
Wilmington	June 24, 2025	3 days <i>Most recent 7/9-11/1936</i>	7/22-23/2011	17%	107° <i>(Aug 7, 1918)</i>

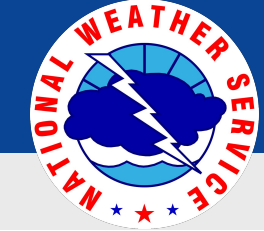


Summary of Greatest Impacts

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- A prolonged period of extreme heat and humidity will continue through Saturday, including area beaches and mountainous areas which will not offer much relief from this dangerous heat event.
- Maximum daily heat indices will reach 100-110°F each day through Saturday, locally as high as 115°F possible. Overnight lows only getting down into the mid 70s to low 80s will provide little relief at night.
- **The intensity and length of the extreme heat will enhance impacts to both people and infrastructure. This is not the kind of heat event we see every year, and could be the hottest period of weather the area has experienced in over a decade. The heat will be especially dangerous to the young, the elderly, and other vulnerable populations.**





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