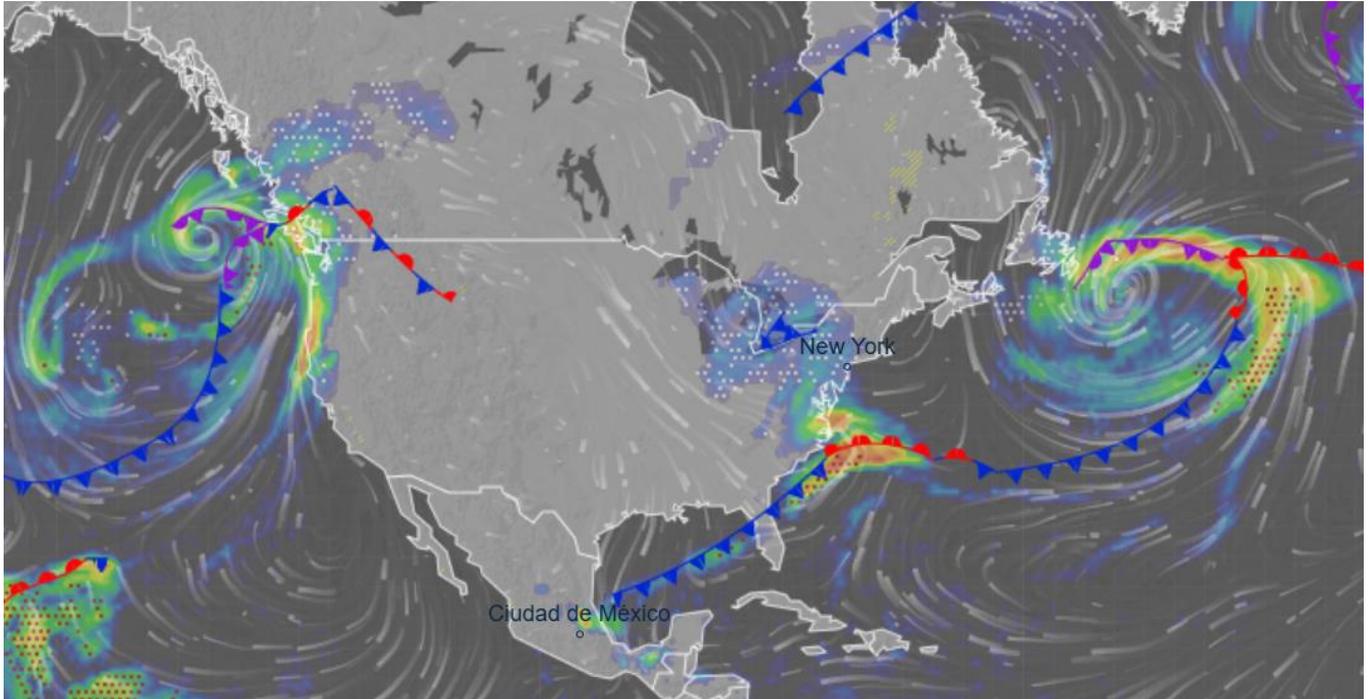




Major Winter Storm Alert-North America



Valid: 22 Feb –3 March 2026

Affected Areas

Upper Midwest, particularly Chicago and parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Great Lakes region around Detroit, Buffalo, and southern Ontario, Northeast, New York City and Boston. Washington, D.C. in Mid Atlantic Houston and parts of Louisiana.

Hazard Types

Heavy snowfall with dangerously low visibility, blizzards, strong and gusty winds, flash flooding and river rises, storm surge

Hazard Summary

A powerful low-pressure system will intensify and move eastward across North America between 22 and 25 February 2026, producing a widespread, high-impact winter storm. Northern regions are likely to receive 25–50+ cm of snow, with locally higher totals near the Great Lakes, while strong winds may create whiteout conditions and prolonged travel shutdowns. In contrast, the southern and Gulf Coast states will see 20–100 mm of rain, increasing the risk of flash flooding.