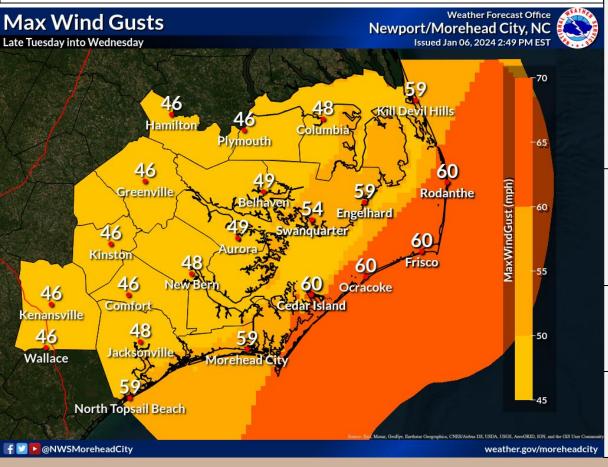
# Strong Cold Front – Jan 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024



### **OVERVIEW**

An unusually strong cold front will impact the Eastern US Tuesday and Wednesday, bringing the potential for several significant impacts to Eastern NC.



## TIMING Tuesday into Wednesday

# elevated water levels ocean overwash and Oceanside – are

**Strong winds –** Wind gusts 45-60 mph possible (strongest along the coast)

**Coastal Impacts** – Powerful southerly swell, strong winds, and elevated water levels could produce moderate to locally significant ocean overwash and minor to moderate coastal flooding.

- Oceanside areas Duck to North Topsail Beach
- Soundside soundside Outer Banks, and areas adjacent to the western Pamlico Sound including: Pamlico, Pungo, Neuse, Bay Rivers.

**Strong Storms / Flooding** – Strong to severe thunderstorms and flooding possible (Tuesday afternoon into Wednesday morning)

#### FORECAST CHALLENGES

The exact strength of the winds ahead of the front will largely determine the extent of coastal impacts

How much instability ("fuel" for thunderstorms) develops will help dictate the extent of the severe weather risk

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please continue to actively monitor forecast updates over the coming days, especially with the potential for significant impacts in some areas

## **NEXT BRIEFING**

Will be issued Sunday, January  $7^{\text{th}}$