

100% chance of Earth impact in 2 months

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## EXERCISE EXERCISE

# **Impact Risk Summary: Module 2**

### **Asteroid Characterization Summary**

- Assessment date: June 15, 2022 (T-2 months)
- Impact date: Aug. 16, 2022, impact time ~14:02 EDT
- Earth impact probability: 100%
- Properties: Small reduction in upper size ranges from NEOWISE non-detection. Type and physical properties remain unknown.
- Diameter: 40–340 m (130–1100 ft), most likely range 55–150 m (180–500 ft), median size 110 m (360 ft)
- Energy: 1–1200 megatons (Mt), most likely range 2–96 Mt, median 42 Mt

# & locations irburst / imp Average damage footprint Large damage Google Earth

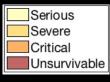
Regions potentially at risk, given range of damage sizes



### **Risk Region Swath**

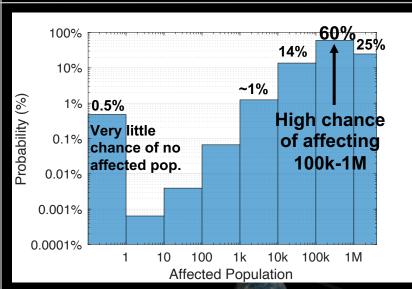
Range of regions potentially at risk to ground damage, given range of potential damage sizes and impact locations.

Rings show an average and large damage footprint size at sample locations



## **Impact Hazard Summary**

- Significant damage to populated areas around North Carolina is very likely
- Primary hazard: Airburst causing blast damage, ranging from shattered windows and structural damage to potentially unsurvivable levels
- Damage radii: 0–100 mi, most likely range 15–70 mi, average size ~50 mi
- Affected Population: thousands to millions, 650K average risk. 98% chance of affecting >10K, 85% >100K, 25% >1M, 1% >2M



#### **Population Risk**

Probabilities of how many people could be affected by the potential damage