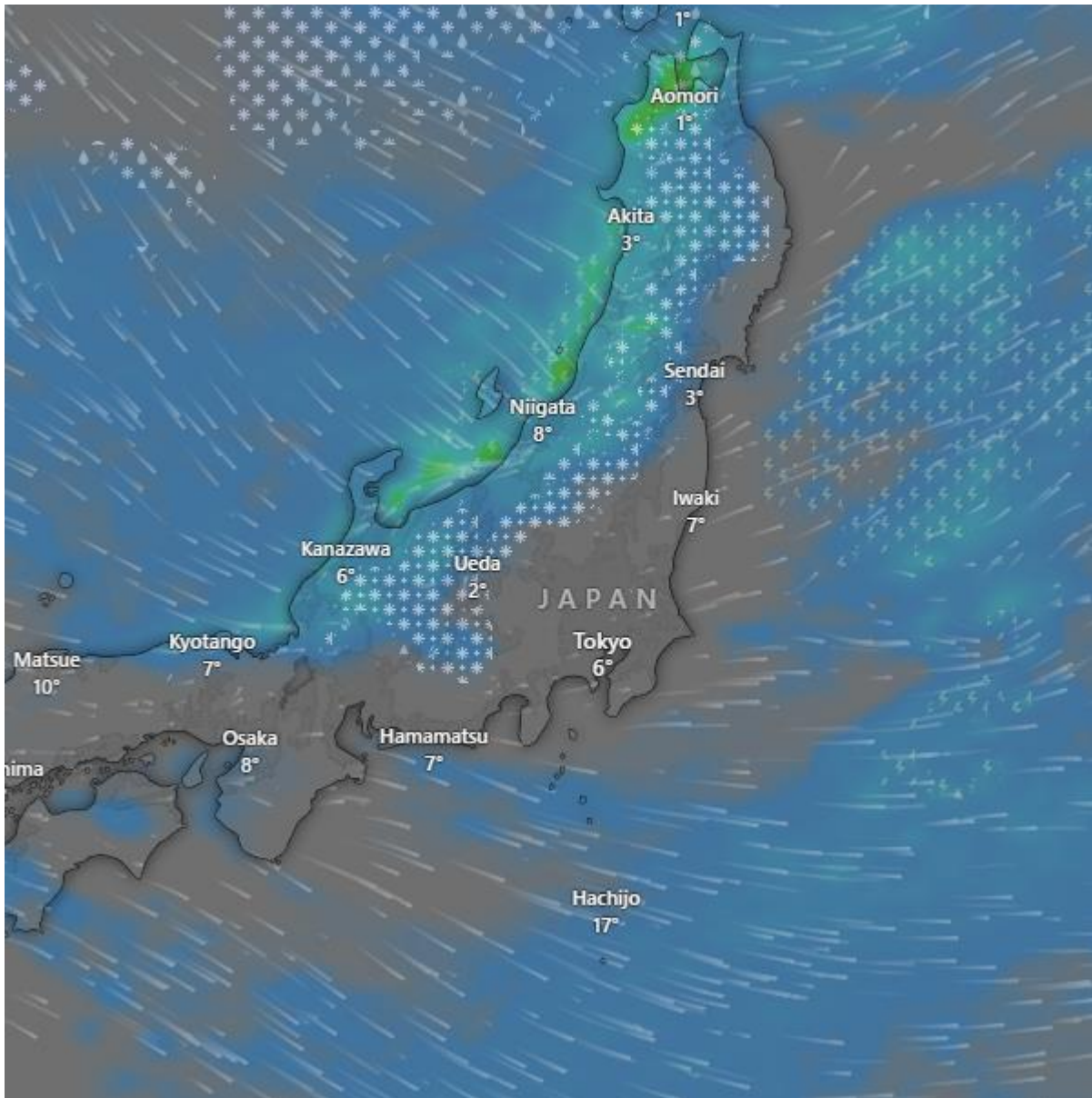


Japan: Adverse weather forecast



Most of Japan is expected to see severe weather through at least December 1. Residents need to be on alert for lightning, tornadoes, strong winds, and hail across northern and western Japan starting on Nov. 30 and for landslides in the Hokuriku and Tohoku regions as of early Nov. 29. Nov. 29 forecasts 8 cm (3 inches) of rain over the Tohoku region and 10 cm (4 inches) over the Hokuriku region, while Nov. 30 and early Dec. 1 forecast 6 cm (2.5 inches) and 10 cm (4 inches) over the Tohoku and Hokuriku regions, respectively.