



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 2:30 p.m. CST
Sunday, December 27, 2009**

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

North Central Kansas

K-148 in Washington County is NOW OPEN to all traffic!

Oklahoma

ODOT crews clearing ice from driving lanes first. Some ramps still rough.

Nebraska

Roads in the western half of Nebraska are now open, but driving remains difficult. Use caution. 511 phone (800-906-9069) to check conditions

Current Weather Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

This Afternoon: Occasional flurries. Cloudy, with a high near 28. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11. West wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 29. West wind between 5 and 10 mph

There are no active winter weather advisories in effect at this time.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

This Afternoon: A slight chance of flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 27. Northwest wind between 11 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 15. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 28. West northwest wind between 8 and 11 mph.

There are no active winter weather advisories in effect at this time.

Current Road Conditions

More light snow fell overnight and is expected to flurry throughout the day and evening hours, so there is a new coating on some of the roadways. The winds have died down for the most part, though there still is some gusting winds/blowing snow, so drifting may still occur in some areas throughout the day. KDOT crews will be on the roadways plowing and treating throughout the day today.

Road conditions still continue to improve little by little, and will for the next day or two. Overall road conditions continue to change for the majority of the areas from less drifting to wet/slush or snowpacked/ice conditions, and now even some normal seasonal conditions. This is a very favorable shift in conditions as it means there is far less drifting occurring now which provides a better opportunity for

KDOT crews to work on clearing the roads and keeping them clear. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

Driver Safety Tips

Please remind DRIVERS if they must travel about to:

1. Take it SLOW!
2. Allow plenty of extra drive time.
3. Watch for icy/slick spots on the roadway; don't assume that if the pavement looks clear, that it is.
4. Buckle up every passenger, every time.
5. If they get stranded, to stay with their vehicle and call *47 on a state highway/interstate route (any highway that begins with I-, K-, and US-), *KTA on the Kansas Turnpike, or #911 at anytime.

For travel throughout the remainder of the day, drivers should use caution, allow plenty of driving time, buckle up (every passenger, every time) and be sure to turn on their headlights, and turn off their cruise control. Drivers should also provide for a safe distance or cushion between themselves and vehicles ahead of them.

We also want to remind drivers to stay a safe distance back from KDOT snow plows, and if drivers should pass the snow plows, to be extra careful and allow plenty of room as the trucks do travel slower than surrounding traffic.

COUNTY/METRO AREA	CURRENT OVERALL ROAD CONDITIONS	New Update Yes/No
KC Metro Area (Johnson/Leavenworth/Wyandotte Counties)	Wet/Slush to Spots (JO/WY) to Partly (LV) Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Atchison County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Brown County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Doniphan County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Douglas County	Wet/Slush to Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jackson County	Drifting to Wet/Slush	Yes
Jefferson County	Drifting	Yes
Lyon County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice to Normal Seasonal Conditions	Yes
Marshall County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Drifting to Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

There are no road closures to report for Northeast Kansas.

Updated Road Conditions (via phone or online 24/7)

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. **New!! KanDrive** is the new online travel info portal, www.KanDrive.org, that displays information from KDOT's traveler information technology, including highway cameras, dynamic message signs, traffic management centers and 511 phone, online and mobile (<http://511mm.ksdot.org>). Snapshots from more than 30 closed-circuit cameras along I-70 between Topeka and Colorado and along other highways

in the state, as well as camera views from the KC Scout system are available through the new online site, so users can see the roadway conditions.

Travelers can also obtain updated road conditions simply by calling 511 from any phone (landline or cellular), or by clicking on the following link: <http://511.ksdot.org>, drivers can obtain updated all of Kansas road conditions at **anytime, day or night.**

Additional weather-related information can be found online at <http://www.ksdot.org/offTransInfo/511Info/511traffictavel.asp>. This KDOT web site link includes informational brochures on 511 Winter Storm Survival, Managing Snow and Ice on Kansas Highways, and Safe Winter Driving Tips. Drivers...“If the weather is bad, remember with ICE AND SNOW, Take it Slow, or just don’t go.”

Media Outlets

For more information and/or to schedule an interview (live/pre-recorded), you can reach me 24/7 on my cell phone at (785) 640-9340 (early morning/overnight, evenings, and weekends included).

Thanks for your continued support! Be safe, don’t text & drive. Know B4 U Go!

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