



For Northeast Kansas
6:00 a.m. CST
Monday, February 22, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

No updates at this time to report.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area – UPDATED

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 28. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 14. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Scattered flurries before midnight. Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 13. North wind around 10 mph.

All winter weather advisories, watches or warnings in effect have been cancelled.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area – UPDATED

Today: Cloudy, with a high near 28. North northwest wind between 10 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 16. Northwest wind between 6 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 30. Northwest wind between 6 and 13 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Tuesday Night: A chance of flurries. Partly cloudy, with a low around 13. North northwest wind between 9 and 11 mph.

All winter weather advisories, watches or warnings in effect have been cancelled.

Current Road Conditions - UPDATED

Road conditions have stayed pretty consistent during the overnight hours due to cold temps only reaching the upper teens. All falling precipitation has moved out of northeast Kansas. Currently roadway conditions in northeast Kansas range from normal seasonal (in Lyon/Osage counties) to wet/slushy to spots - partly -mostly snowpacked/icy. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

Highways, including mainline lanes, bridges, ramps and overpasses, may be slick/icy in spots. KDOT nighttime crews have been out plowing and treating (salt or salt/sand mixture) area roadways, including bridges, ramp areas, and overpasses during the overnight hours. They will continue to plow and treat as needed preparing roadways for the early morning commute today. The nighttime crews will head home to rest up and the daytime crews will take over within the next hour or two.

Drivers need to use caution, TAKE IT SLOW, allow plenty of extra time, and stay a safe distance from other vehicles while travelling throughout the early morning hours.

Driver Safety Tips

Please remind DRIVERS as they 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 IN 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 during winter storms, 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	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush	No
Atchison County	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Brown County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Doniphan County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Douglas County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jackson County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jefferson County	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Pottawatomie County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Riley County	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Wabaunsee County	Drifting to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No roads closed at this time.

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

Updated Kansas road conditions are at your fingertips. **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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