



For Northeast Kansas
6:00 a.m. CST
Friday, January 29, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

Missouri: Missouri DOT reports as of 5:51 a.m. today: I-44 is now partly covered from OK line to Lebanon; there is a few miles of clear, then covered and partly covered... <http://bit.ly/c0Kndf>

Oklahoma: Oklahoma DOT reports as of 6:02 a.m. today: ODOT crews continue to clear highways and interstates. Continue to be alert for icy patches, especially on bridges and overpasses today.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area – UPDATED!

Today: A 50 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 22. East wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 9. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 26. Calm wind becoming southwest around 5 mph.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

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WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 6 PM CST FRIDAY.

Timing...snowfall will continue to gradually spread northward into the area. Snowfall will come to an end by late this afternoon.

Snow accumulations...an additional 1 to 2 inches of snowfall is expected in the advisory area today. Storm total snowfall accumulations of 2 to 4 inches are expected by this afternoon.

Winds...northeast winds of 10 to 15 mph are expected with gusts of 20 to 25 mph possible.

Impacts...light to occasionally moderate snowfall will create periods of hazardous travel conditions today. If you must travel...notify others of travel plans and have a winter weather preparedness kit available in the event that you should become stranded.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...a winter weather advisory for snow means that periods of snow will cause primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities...and use caution while driving.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area - – UPDATED!

Today: A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 22. East northeast wind around 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Tonight: Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 10. Northeast wind between 6 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 22. North northwest wind between 3 and 6 mph.

Current Road Conditions – UPDATED!

Road conditions currently vary from normal seasonal throughout the majority of NE Kansas counties to spots to mostly snowpacked/ice in a few southern and western counties. In those counties where snow has accumulated on the roadways (including Topeka/Lawrence and Kansas City Metro Areas), crews are plowing and spot treating only (salt or salt/sand mixture) as needed. The majority of NE Kansas received no snow or a light dusting only on the roadways, so travel conditions overall are good throughout most of NE Kansas. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.*

Highways, including mainline lanes, ramp areas, bridges and overpasses, may be slick in spots due to the snowpacked/ice conditions in those NE Kansas counties affected by the new snowfall. Drivers need to use caution, take it slow and allow for extra time during the early morning commute.

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)	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Brown County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Douglas County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jackson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jefferson County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Nemaha County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Osage County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Spots to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Spots to Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No closed roads to report.

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/511traffictravel.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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