

# EN ROUTE TO FRIDAY

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2020

The road to staying connected

## Virtual Employee Recognition event shares appreciation for employees statewide for their COVID-19 response



It has been more than 200 days since employees began to take steps to help mitigate the risk of COVID-19. But the mission to keep Kansas moving has never stopped.

Secretary Lorenz and the KDOT leadership team took time on Thursday morning to recognize the hard work, time, and effort that each employee has dedicated to keeping each other safe and healthy.

Through COVID-19, KDOT kept construction work sites open, and maintenance crews

were able to accomplish critical activities on our highways.

Secretary Lorenz said that our partnership and teamwork between divisions and other agencies allowed staff to assist the Kansas National Guard with deliveries. And KDOT staff also helped each other by making masks and buying groceries for fellow employees in need.

And through it all, we launched the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, which will be vital to helping the state's economy recover.

Although the winter months could be uncertain – if not tougher – Secretary Lorenz encouraged employees to continue to take care of each other by wearing masks, socially distancing and taking necessary steps to keep work areas clean.

To assist with those efforts, each KDOT employee will receive two reusable KDOT facemasks and hand sanitizer. You can watch a replay of the event [here](#).

**KANSAS  
COUNTS  
CENSUS 2020**

*Thanks to all KDOT employees who have spread the word about the importance of completing the 2020 Census. Because of your efforts, nearly 2/3 of the state of Kansas responded to the Census.*

*For information about how to remove the reminder from email signatures please click [here](#). You must be signed into the VPN to see the instructions.*

# It's time to be ready to fight snow and ice



KDOT is preparing for the annual battle against snow and ice.

The KDOT Maintenance Manual spells out that crews should be ready now: "Preparations for snow and ice control should be completed by October 15th of each year," the manual says. "Supervisors should review the Maintenance Manual and applicable district instructions regarding winter operations with their personnel.

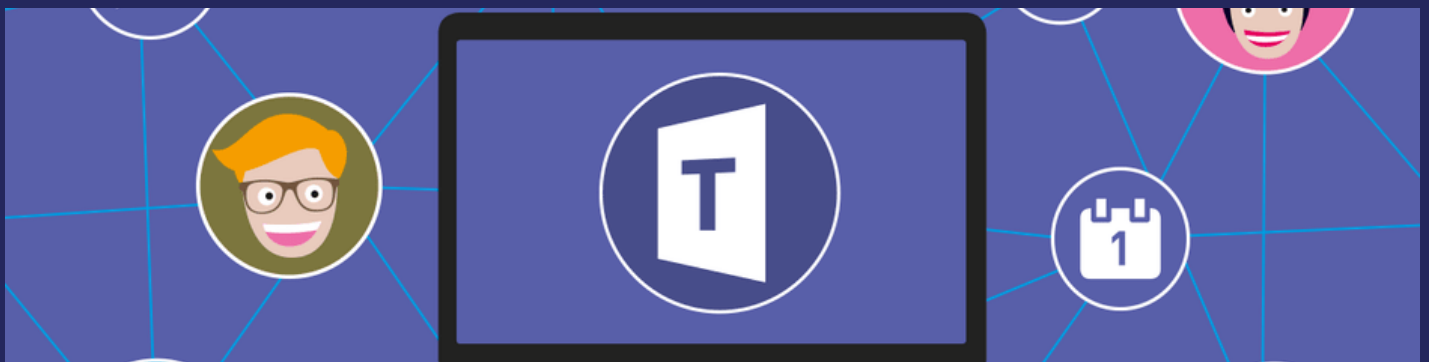
Operators should become familiar with their assigned highway sections," the manual continues.

"So crews have been working on trucks and checking plows, spreaders, brine tanks and brine pumps," says Chris Collins, Maintenance Superintendent at the District Five shop in Hutchinson. The manual says to "have everything going and ready," Collins states.

Other preparation includes stocking satellite stations with salt.

"You've got to spread your stuff out where it's needed, make sure you have the right amount," Collins added.

## Tech tips: Teams will replace Skype for Business



Please be aware – Skype for Business will not be accessible to state employees as of Dec. 28.

Currently, a number of employees are still using Skype and need to start using Microsoft Teams.

Any meetings currently created in Skype that are scheduled to take place after Dec. 28 will not work – and will need to be recreated in Microsoft Teams.

If you are new to Microsoft Teams, there are resources available. Go to the EBIT Teams Migration

SharePoint site located [here](#). You will need to be signed into the VPN.

There you will find:

- Intro to Microsoft Teams Training
- Frequently Asked Questions
- How-To Documentation
- How-To Videos.

If you have any questions, contact the EBIT Service Desk at (785) 296-4999 or [EBITSM@ks.gov](mailto:EBITSM@ks.gov).



# Crews react quickly after semi crash in Saline County



District Two workers responded to a crash on Tuesday at the I-70/I-135 cloverleaf near Salina.

A semi crash took out the bridge handrail on the I-135 bridge over I-70 in Saline County and fell below, blocking both lanes of traffic on I-70.

Crews worked quickly to temporarily close and

detour traffic around the crash site while the crash was investigated and cleaned up. They also made temporary repairs to the bridge.

The cleanup took approximately six hours to complete.

# Slow down: October is Pedestrian Safety Month

## SPEED

Total stopping distance in feet at various speeds (mph), by the time (distance) it takes the driver to react plus the braking distance. The driver takes the same amount of time to react regardless of speed. As speed doubles, stopping distance quadruples.

Total Stopping Distance

- Braking Distance
- Driver Reaction Distance, 1.5 Seconds

