



For Northeast Kansas
as of 3:30 p.m. CST
Sunday, January 3, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

Wichita, KS Area: As of 1:30 p.m., highways nearly normal in Wichita -- crews wrapping up their work. But it's 16°. Do you have an emergency kit in your vehicle?

Current National Weather Service Forecast – UPDATED!

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Late Afternoon: A 30 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 13. Wind chill values between zero and 5. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A chance of flurries. Cloudy, with a low around 3. Wind chill values between -1 and -6. North wind around 5 mph.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 16. Wind chill values between -5 and 5. North wind around 5 mph.

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

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Late Afternoon: Occasional flurries. Cloudy and cold, with a high near 13. Wind chill values between zero and 5. Northeast wind around 7 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 0. Northeast wind around 6 mph becoming calm.

Monday: Mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 11. Wind chill values between -1 and -9. Calm wind becoming north northwest between 4 and 7 mph.

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

Current Road Conditions – UPDATED!

Snow continues to fall on and off into late afternoon/early evening in all northeast Kansas counties. KDOT crews continue to plow and will throughout the remainder of the day, with some treating as needed. Crews did a little more treating in many areas with a sand/salt mixture to try and help some clearing and in hopes that traffic movement would initiate some melting with the product applied to the roadways. Most treating has occurred on ramps, overpasses and bridges, which tend to be the slickest surfaces. There will be overnight crews on duty later this evening and the amount of crews will vary from area to area, depending on the evening roadway conditions.

Road conditions have improved some during the daytime hours, though roads will continue to be snowpacked in spots throughout the rest of the day and overnight. Most interstate routes have at least one or two clear driving lanes (with occasional spots of snow) but ramps and passing lanes are snowpacked and can be slick. Roadways may be slick in spots due to the snowpacked conditions, so drivers should use

caution and take it slow while driving throughout the evening and overnight hours. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

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 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 overnight and into the early morning hours tomorrow, 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)	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Atchison County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Brown County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Doniphan County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Douglas County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jackson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jefferson County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Marshall County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Nemaha County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Osage County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Pottawatomie County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Partly to Completely 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. **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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