



For Northeast Kansas
6:30 a.m. CST
Sunday, March 21, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

No updates to report at this time.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

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

Today: A chance of snow before 1pm. Cloudy, with a high near 37. North wind between 15 and 17 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a low around 26. North northwest wind between 8 and 13 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 47. North northwest wind at 7 mph becoming west southwest

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

Greater Kansas City Metro Area – UPDATED!

Today: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly before 7am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. North wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 49. West wind around 5 mph becoming south.

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

Current Road Conditions –UPDATED!

Road conditions currently range from normal seasonal conditions to wet/slush to drifting to partly snowpacked throughout Northeast Kansas. KDOT crews will continue to plow and treat (salt or salt/sand mixture) all roadways as needed throughout the daytime hours, primarily due to the continued falling snow flurries and blowing snow/gusting winds. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual Northeast Kansas counties.*

Blowing snow and gusting winds continue to cause drifting, primarily on those more rural or open median highways (no center barriers) that run in an east – west direction. Snow flurries may continue to fall throughout the daytime hours causing roadways to be snowpacked/icy in spots. Highways, including mainline lanes, ramp areas, bridges and overpasses, may be slick due to the wet/slushy and/or snowpacked/icy conditions. *Drivers should use caution, take it slow and allow for extra time during the daytime 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)	Wet/Slush	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Normal Seasonal to Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Atchison County	Normal Seasonal to Spots Snowpacked/Icy	No
Brown County	Normal Seasonal to Spots Snowpacked/Icy	No
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal to Spots Snowpacked/Icy	No
Douglas County	Spots to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jackson County	Drifting to Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Jefferson County	Drifting to Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Lyon County	Drifting to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Nemaha County	Normal Seasonal to Spots Snowpacked/Icy	No
Osage County	Drifting to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Normal Seasonal to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Riley County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal to Drifting to Spots Snowpacked/Icy	No

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No closed roads to report 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/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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