



For Northeast Kansas
7:00 a.m. CST
Friday, February 5, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

None at this time.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area

Today: Occasional snow, mainly before noon. High near 35. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 80%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 1 to 2 inches possible.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A chance of flurries. Cloudy, with a high near 34. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

REPUBLIC-WASHINGTON-MARSHALL-NEMAHA-BROWN-CLOUD-CLAY-RILEY- POTTAWATOMIE-JACKSON-JEFFERSON-OTTAWA-DICKINSON-GEARY-MORRIS-WABAUNSEE-SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS-LYON-OSAGE-FRANKLIN-COFFEY-ANDERSON-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...MARYSVILLE...HIAWATHA...CONCORDIA...CLAY CENTER...MANHATTAN...ABILENE...JUNCTION CITY...TOPEKA...LAWRENCE...EMPORIA...OTTAWA

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL NOON CST TODAY.

* TIMING...LIGHT TO AT TIMES MODERATE SNOW WILL CONTINUE ACROSS THE AREA...THEN SLOWLY DISSIPATE FROM WEST TO EAST LATE THIS MORNING.

* SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...ADDITIONAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS OF AROUND ONE INCH ARE EXPECTED ACROSS NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS...WITH 1 TO 3 INCHES OF SNOW EXPECTED ACROSS NORTHEAST AND EAST CENTRAL KANSAS BY THIS AFTERNOON. LOCALLY HIGHER AMOUNTS ARE POSSIBLE.

* IMPACTS...UNTREATED ROAD SURFACES MAY BECOME SNOW PACKED AND OR SLICK THROUGH THE MORNING HOURS.

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

Today: Periods of snow. High near 34. Northeast wind between 6 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%. Total daytime snow accumulation of 2 to 4 inches possible.

Tonight: A chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind between 9 and 11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Saturday: A chance of flurries. Cloudy, with a high near 34. North northeast wind between 5 and 9 mph.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY – UPDATED!

ATCHISON KS-MIAMI-LINN KS-DONIPHAN-LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-JOHNSON KS-ATCHISON MO-NODAWAY-WORTH-GENTRY-HOLT-ANDREW-DE KALB-BUCHANAN-CLINTON-PLATTE-CLAY-RAY-JACKSON-LAFAYETTE-CASS-JOHNSON MO-BATES-HENRY-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ATCHISON...PAOLA...MOUND CITY...TROY...LEAVENWORTH...OVERLAND PARK...OLATHE...TARKIO...MARYVILLE...GRANT CITY...ALBANY...STANBERRY...OREGON...SAVANNAH...CAMERON...ST. JOSEPH...PLATTSBURG...PARKVILLE...PLATTE CITY...WESTON...LIBERTY...EXCELSIOR SPRINGS...RICHMOND...KANSAS CITY...INDEPENDENCE...LEXINGTON...CONCORDIA...RAYMORE...HARRISONVILLE...PLEASANT HILL...WARRENSBURG...BUTLER...RICH HILL...CLINTON.

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

* LOCATIONS...IMPACTED BY THIS WINTER STORM INCLUDE ALL OF NORTHEASTERN KANSAS...NORTHWEST AND WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI INCLUDING THE CITIES OF MOUND CITY...PAOLA...ST. JOSEPH...TARKIO...AND THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN AREA.

* TIMING...THE INTERMITTENT LIGHT SNOW THAT HAS BEEN PREVAILING ACROSS FAR WESTERN MISSOURI AND ADJACENT AREAS OF EASTERN KANSAS WILL INTENSIFY THROUGH THE MORNING HOURS. AROUND SUNRISE LIGHT TO MODERATE SNOW WILL PREVAIL FROM THE FAR NORTHWEST CORNER OF MISSOURI SOUTH ALONG THE KANSAS MISSOURI BORDER THROUGH KANSAS CITY AND POINTS SOUTH. HEAVIEST SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR DURING THE MORNING HOURS...WITH PERIODS OF SNOW AND LIGHT ADDITIONAL ACCUMULATIONS EXPECTED DURING THE AFTERNOON.

* SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...THROUGH THE OVERNIGHT HOURS IN FAR NORTHWEST MISSOURI HAVE BEEN AROUND AN INCH...WITH ACCUMULATIONS DROPPING QUICKLY TO NOTHING AS YOU MOVE SOUTH ALONG THE MISSOURI KANSAS BORDER WHERE TEMPERATURES RANGED ABOVE FREEZING. AN ADDITIONAL 1 TO 2 INCHES OF SNOW IS EXPECTED TODAY IN FAR NORTHWEST MISSOURI...MAKING STORM TOTAL SNOWFALL ACCUMULATIONS OF 2 TO 3 INCHES POSSIBLE BY THIS AFTERNOON. THE BAND OF SNOW MOVING INTO AREAS FARTHER SOUTH...THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED ACCUMULATING SNOW YET...CAN EXPECT 1 TO 3 INCHES OF SNOW BY THE AFTERNOON HOURS.

* IMPACTS...SURFACE AIR TEMPERATURES WILL HOVER AROUND FREEZING TODAY WHICH WILL RESULT IN SLICK SPOTS ON ROADWAYS AS THE LIGHT FILM OF WATER FROM MELTING SNOW AND DRIZZLE OVERNIGHT FREEZES. THIS WILL BE ESPECIALLY TRUE ON BRIDGES AND OVERPASSES DURING THE MORNING COMMUTE. EXTRA CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHILE TRAVELING TODAY AS ROAD SURFACES MAY BECOME VERY SLUSHY ONCE MORE PERSISTENT SNOW ARRIVES DURING THE MORNING HOURS.

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.

Current Road Conditions – UPDATED!

Road conditions have primarily changed now to partly to completely snowpacked throughout most of Northeast Kansas (excluding Jackson, Douglas, Leavenworth, Wyandotte and Johnson Counties). Snow has been accumulating on the roadways and crews are plowing all roadway areas and treating (salt or salt/sand mixture) on bridges/overpasses/ramp areas as needed. Roadways may be slick where the new snow is accumulating on the roadways. See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.

Air and pavement temperatures are hovering at or above the freezing mark which is helping to keep the roadways from becoming icy. Highways, including mainline/passing lanes, ramp areas, bridges and

overpasses, may be slick due to the snowpacked conditions in those areas 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 this winter storm, 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 (JO Co) to Wet/Slush (LV/WY Co)	No
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Atchison County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Brown County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Doniphan County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Douglas County	Wet/Slush	Yes
Jackson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jefferson County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Lyon County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Marshall County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Nemaha County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Pottawatomie County	Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Riley County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	No
Wabaunsee County	Completely 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!

Kimberly K. Qualls
NE Kansas Public Affairs Manager
Kansas Dept. of Transportation

121 SW 21st Street
Topeka, KS 66612
P: (785) 296-3881
C: (785) 640-9340
kqualls@ksdot.org
www.ksdot.org
www.kandrive.org

Follow KDOT on Twitter (www.twitter.com):
Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area: @TopekaMetroKDOT
Kansas City Metro Area: @KansasCityKDOT
NE Kansas: @NEKansasKDOT