



**For Northeast Kansas
as of 5:30 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

Tonight: Scattered flurries. Cloudy, with a low around 1. North wind around 5 mph.

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 15. Wind chill values between -6 and 4. North wind around 5 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around -2. West wind around 5 mph..

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

Greater Kansas City Metro Area

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 0. Wind chill values between -3 and -8. North northeast wind around 6 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny and cold, with a high near 12. Wind chill values between -10 and zero. North northwest wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around -1. Wind chill values between -5 and -10. North northwest wind around 6 mph..

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

Current Road Conditions – UPDATED!

Snow flurries will continue to fall on and off into the evening hours throughout all northeast Kansas counties. KDOT crews continue to plow and are treating in many areas with a sand/salt mixture (straight salt in KC Metro Area) to help melt the snow and make clearing roadways easier. There will be overnight crews on duty to monitor conditions and plow/treat as needed. The amount of overnight crew staffing will vary from area to area, and will depend on the area's late afternoon roadway conditions.

Road conditions have improved during the daytime hours, though roads will continue to be snowpacked in spots throughout the rest of the evening and overnight hours. Most interstate routes (I-70, I-35, I-470, I-435 and some US routes) have at least one or two clear driving lanes and the passing lane(s) are now clear as well, however many ramp areas may still be snowpacked in spots.

Roadways, especially ramp areas, may be slick in spots due to the snowpacked or icy 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)	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Topeka Metro Area (Shawnee County)	Wet/Slush to Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Atchison County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Brown County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Doniphan County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Douglas County	Partly to Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jackson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Jefferson County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Lyon County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Marshall County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Nemaha County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Osage County	Partly to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Pottawatomie County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Riley County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Wabaunsee County	Normal Seasonal Conditions to Mostly 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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