



For Northeast Kansas
9:00 p.m. CST
Sunday, February 21, 2010

Updates from around Kansas & neighboring states

No updates at this time to report.

Current National Weather Service Forecast

Northeast Kansas, including Topeka/Lawrence Metro Area – UPDATED

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly before midnight. Cloudy, with a low around 19. Blustery, with a north wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Cloudy, with a high near 27. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 13. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

All winter weather advisories, watches or warnings in effect have been cancelled.

Greater Kansas City Metro Area – UPDATED

Tonight: Snow likely, mainly before 9pm. Cloudy, with a low around 22. North northwest wind between 14 and 18 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. Total nighttime snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Monday: Cloudy, with a high near 28. North northwest wind between 10 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 14. West northwest wind between 6 and 10 mph.

WINTER STORM WARNING - UPDATED

LEAVENWORTH-WYANDOTTE-PLATTE-CLAY-RAY-INCLUDING THE CITIES OF: LEAVENWORTH, PARKVILLE, PLATTE CITY, WESTON, LIBERTY, EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, RICHMOND

A WINTER STORM WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL MIDNIGHT CST SUNDAY NIGHT.

Location...the lower Missouri River valley region from the Kansas City metro east toward Carrollton and Moberly.

Timing and accumulations...a heavier band of snow will be moving from Richmond and Higginsville...east through Carrollton...Salisbury and Moberly through 10 pm. This band of snow may produce a quick 1 to 2 inches of snowfall. Lighter snow will continue across the Kansas City metro area...with an additional inch of snowfall possible.

Impacts...falling temperatures will cause untreated wet roads to refreeze tonight...and with light snow falling on top...slippery road conditions should be expected. Ice and snow on sidewalks and parking lots will also create slippery conditions.

Precautionary/preparedness actions...make sure you have an adequate supply of food. Check prescriptions to ensure an adequate supply of medicine through the duration of the storm. Check furnaces and fuel levels...and if travel is necessary...make sure your car is winterized and in good working order.

Current Road Conditions - UPDATED

Road conditions have stayed consistent over the last few hours. There is still some light snow falling throughout, though most of the heavy snows have already moved out of northeast Kansas. Currently roadway conditions range from wet/slushy to spots - partly -mostly snowpacked/icy throughout northeast Kansas. Gusting winds are causing blowing and drifting snow which is keeping the crews busy with continuous plowing on many roadways. *See the chart below for current roadway conditions for individual northeast Kansas counties.*

Highways, including mainline lanes, bridges, ramps and overpasses, may be slick/icy overnight as the forecasted temperatures are expected to drop to the upper teens with already wet/slushy/snowpacked roadway conditions in place.

KDOT nighttime crews have replaced daytime crews who have headed home for a much needed rest. Nighttime crews are already out busy plowing and treating (salt or salt/sand mixture) area roadways, including bridges, ramp areas, and overpasses. They will continue to plow and treat throughout the overnight hours as needed.

Drivers need to use caution, TAKE IT SLOW, allow plenty of extra time, and stay a safe distance from other vehicles while travelling throughout the overnight and into the early morning hours.

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)	Wet/Slush	No
Atchison County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Brown County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Doniphan County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No

Douglas County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jackson County	Partly Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Jefferson County	Spots to Mostly/Snowpacked/Ice	Yes
Lyon County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Marshall County	Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Nemaha County	Mostly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Osage County	Normal Seasonal Conditions	No
Pottawatomie County	Spots to Partly Snowpacked/Ice	No
Riley County	Wet/Slush to Spots Snowpacked/Ice	No
Wabaunsee County	Drifting to Completely Snowpacked/Ice	Yes

Current Road Closures for Northeast Kansas

No roads closed 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/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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