

Winter weather slows traffic, closes schools

(MSC News)--Winter weather across the local area makes for dangerous traveling conditions Tuesday night.

The National Weather Service has issued a winter weather advisory that will remain in place through 6:00 Wednesday morning, with ice and snow covering local area roadways.

Brown County Sheriff John Merchant early Tuesday evening said that due to conditions, all travel should be avoided, if possible.

Numerous schools have closed for Wednesday, with morning travel predicted to be dangerous due to the conditions.

Among other cancellations for Wednesday is Atchison Municipal Court, with all cases on the docket moved to January 30.

For a complete list of area weather-related cancellations, go [here](#).

The Atchison County Sheriff's Office has enacted its Emergency Only Crash Reporting procedure, due to the weather.

Deputies will only respond to a crash involving:

- **Injury, possible injury or death to any person;**
- **Possible impairment of a driver due to drugs or alcohol;**
- **Incidents of hit and run;**
- **Incidents where there is a disturbance between the parties involved;**
- **Any hazardous material situation;**
- **When the accident results in major traffic congestion;**
- **When there is damage to a vehicle to the extent that towing is required.**
- **When occupants of the vehicle are stranded.**

Otherwise, drivers are asked to exchange registration and insurance information, and report the crash soon after the weather clears.

According to the National Weather Service, snow will continue overnight, then taper off around sunrise.

Snow accumulations of 1 to 3 inches are expected.

The highest snow totals will be towards north central Kansas and the Kansas and

Nebraska border. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

The latest road conditions for the state you are calling from can be obtained by calling 511.

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