

STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Executive Department
State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

By the Governor

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kansas Emergency Management Act, Chapter 48, Article 9, of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, to meet the inherent dangers of disasters to which the State and its citizens have been exposed, and upon advice of the State Adjutant General as the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, I hereby proclaim a State of Disaster Emergency as follows:

NATURE OF THE DISASTER:

Critical red flag conditions are expected in portions of the state over the next several days. The combination of dry and hot temperatures, accompanied by low relative humidity, and gusty winds will increase the risk of wildland fire spread. Any fires will have extreme fire behavior and spread rapidly. In addition, the National Weather Service forecasts an extremely rare event with record-breaking spring-like temperatures, low relative humidity, and sustained high winds of 40-50 with gusts over 70 mph beginning December 15. Strong thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible in the northeast region.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:

December 9 – 24, 2021

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

Anderson, Barton, Brown, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Comanche, Dickinson, Edwards, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Geary, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jewell, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Logan, Lyon, McPherson, Marshall, Marion, Meade, Mitchell, Morris, Morton, Nemaha, Ness, Norton, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Trego, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, Wichita, Wilson, Woodson, Wyandotte

I hereby proclaim, direct and order the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas to activate the disaster response and recovery portions of the Kansas Response Plan. The Adjutant General shall coordinate local and inter-jurisdictional disaster plans applicable to the political subdivisions of areas affected by this Proclamation.

Any or all of the powers conferred upon the Governor by the Kansas Emergency Management Act may be delegated to the Adjutant General as deemed appropriate during this period of proclaimed State of Disaster Emergency. This may be delegated by written orders, or oral orders subsequently reduced to writing with reference to this Proclamation.

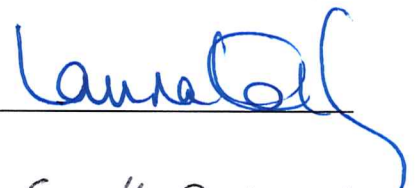
I hereby suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the order or rules and regulations of any state agency which implements such statute, if strict compliance with the provisions of such statutes, order or rule and regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay in any way necessary action in coping with the disaster as set forth in KSA 48-925(c)(1).

I hereby direct state agencies to implement necessary continuity activities to ensure the delivery of essential functions that include continuity of operations (COOP) planning with pandemic considerations applied.

This Proclamation shall be filed promptly with the Division of Emergency Management, the Office of the Secretary of State and each city clerk or county clerk, as appropriate, in the area to which this Proclamation applies. Further dissemination of this Proclamation shall occur by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public.

DONE At the Capitol in Topeka
Under the Great Seal of the State
this 9th, day of December
A.D., 2021

THE GOVERNOR:



Scott Schwab
Secretary of State

Jennifer Cook
Assistant Secretary of State