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Snow removal crews at work in downtown Wichita on Feb. 18, 2025, when the city received 5.4 inches of snow. Wichita has a 57% chance of seeing over 8 inches of snow during this weekend's storm, the NWS said Thursday.

## US lays out bright plan for Gaza at Board of Peace meeting

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The Trump administration laid out an ambitious and highly speculative vision for the future of the Gaza Strip at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday, as Washington tries to advance the thorny ceasefire between Israel and Hamas.

The presentation by Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law, featured slides that depicted gleaming skyscrapers rising on Gaza's coast and the construction of entirely new cities. The plan would require investment of at least \$25 billion in the devastated Palestinian enclave, according to the proposal.

Gaza would be rebuilt in phases, he said, starting with the south. The southern city of Rafah - which Israel largely razed during its war against Hamas - would be rebuilt in two to three years, he said.

"We said, 'Let's plan for catastrophic success,'" Kushner said in Davos, adding that there was no "Plan B."

At this point, however, those ideas exist mostly on paper.

Hamas has not agreed to lay down its arms and disband its battalions of fighters. The United States has struggled to persuade countries to contribute soldiers to a proposed peacekeeping force for Gaza. And it is far from clear who would provide the billions that the Trump administration's lofty plans would require.

Kushner outlined the proposal during a gathering in a

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## Wichita under 'extreme cold watch' for weekend winter storm

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Wichita is now under an "extreme cold watch" for the winter storm that is forecast to hit Friday and could impact the southern half of Kansas all the way to the east coast.

It is also expected to bring 5-10 inches of snow.

Crews in Wichita started treating the roads with a brine solution on Wednesday, Mayor Lily Wu said Thursday morning.

Wichita-based National Weather Service meteorologist Bryan Baerg said the "extreme

cold watch" was added Wednesday afternoon following changes in the weather model that show more prolonged cold and substantial snow moving further north in Kansas than previously forecasted.

Mornings on Friday through Monday are expected to see negative wind chills, ranging from minus 6 degrees Friday morning to the coldest being minus 17 degrees Saturday morning. Sunday and Monday are both forecast to see morning wind chills around minus 10 degrees.

The storm is also forecast to bring -50 degree wind chills in

northern Minnesota and North Dakota.

In Wichita, the snow is expected to start between 4 and 8 p.m. on Friday and continue on and off throughout Saturday before ending between 3 and 6 a.m. on Sunday. It's been a year since Wichita saw as much snow as is being forecasted for this storm - Wichita had 5.9 inches fall on Jan. 9-10, 2025, and 5.4 inches fall on Feb. 18, 2025, Baerg said.

Wichita has a 57% chance of seeing over 8 inches of snow during this storm, the NWS said Thursday.

The swath of Kansas expected to receive substantial snow is

south of Highway 56, which runs through McPherson, Baerg said. Previous forecasts had the substantial snow ending further south, around the Sedgwick County line.

States east of Kansas all the way to the coast will be hit by the winter storm.

"Expect heavy snow for the Southern Rockies and the south-central Plains eastward through the Mid-Atlantic," the NWS Weather Prediction Center said Wednesday morning. "Snow-covered roads and low visibility will cause widespread travel disruptions."

And, south of all of that, the prediction center is warning of "dangerous ice."

"Broad swaths of freezing rain and sleet are expected south of the all-snow zone over the Southern Plains, Mid-South, and Carolinas. Treacherous travel conditions, prolonged power outages, and tree damage are likely."

The prediction center called it a "significant winter storm."

## Wichita, Sedgwick County detail safety measures for winter storm

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Workers started pretreating Wichita roads Wednesday to prepare for the severe winter weather expected to hit the state and many others on Friday.

Officials in Wichita and Sedgwick County on Thursday issued warnings and listed safety measures for residents to take.

The main message was for people to stay home and inside.

The Wichita area is forecast to see between 5 and 10 inches of snow from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning and negative wind chills starting Friday morning and until Monday morning.

"We are extremely concerned about the cold weather and making sure people understand that this is a dangerous situation, and we need people to be protected," Julie Stimson, direc-

tor of Sedgwick County Emergency Management, said during a Thursday news conference, where other Sedgwick County first responders spoke as well.

Wichita and Sedgwick County officials said the snow crews will focus first on major streets.

"We are anticipating that we are going to end up with snow packed roads," Sedgwick County director of public works Lynn Packer said.

Snow removal crews in Wichita and Sedgwick County will be running two, 12-hour shifts until roads are cleared.

"With the drastically low temperatures, the city expects snow to linger into next week," Wichita Mayor Lily Wu said.

Snow removal in Wichita can be tracked at <https://www.wichita.gov/1103/Snow-Removal-Map>.

People are urged to stay home. If you need to travel, make sure you have an emer-

gency kit in your vehicle, which includes jumper cables, flashlight, batteries, a phone charger and kitty litter to help you get unstuck, Stimson said.

Extra layers and even a blanket should be in the kit as well.

And, for those staying inside, tips from fire officials in Wichita and Sedgwick County included: having a space heater on only when you are in the room and keeping it at least 3 feet from your bedding or anything that could catch fire, and not using your stove to try and heat your house.

The cold temperatures are expected to keep the snow light and fluffy, which bodes well for not sticking to power lines, reducing concerns for power outages, but does cause visibility issues for drivers from the potential of blowing snow.

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