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OHIO TO BE IMPACTED BY WIDE RANGE OF SNOW AND ICE STORMS

COLUMBUS, OH – With the majority of the state under either a winter storm warning or an ice storm warning, Ohioans are gearing up for round three of extreme winter weather conditions. Winter storms are predicted to bring snow and ice accumulations of ¼ inch to a ½ inch starting tonight and continue into Wednesday morning.

With the significant ice accumulations, power outages in impacted areas are probable. In preparation for a power outage in your area, the state encourages all Ohioans to take the necessary steps to ensure safety:

Ensure your home has emergency supplies such as warm clothing, extra blankets or sleeping bags, flashlights and extra batteries, a battery-backup radio or weather radio, extra food and water and first aid kit. Stay tuned to local news stations to stay current of the weather situation. Check on your neighbors. Exchange telephone numbers. Ensure they have adequate supplies and heating sources.

Ensure that your vehicles have more than a half tank of fuel. Vehicle emergency kits should include: jumper cables, emergency flares, extra blankets, coats, gloves, high-protein snacks and bottled water, charged cell phone. Allow yourself extra time to travel so you can get to and from your destinations safely.

Additional safety precautions while driving in snow include:

- In ice and snow, take it slow. Leave in plenty of time to reach your destination safely. Expect and plan for delays in inclement weather.
- Keep control of your vehicle. When driving on ice and snow, do not use cruise control and avoid abrupt steering maneuvers. When merging into traffic, take it slow. Sudden movements can cause your vehicle to slide.
- Pay attention to winter weather conditions. Make the weather forecast part of your daily routine. Listen to weather reports on local radio or television stations before leaving. Find out about driving conditions by logging onto OHGO.com for road closures or delays.

Remember that bridges and overpasses become slick and icy before roadways do. Bridges and overpasses can be 5 to 6 degrees colder than the roads, so drive with extreme caution when temperatures are near or below freezing.

For additional winter safety and preparedness information, visit the: www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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