

Effective January 23, 2012, the Ripley County Commissioners will be adopting the same verbiage that DHS uses for winter weather travel advisories.

Travel advisory categories are:

Advisory (Yellow): Routine travel or activities may be restricted in some places if there is a hazardous situation, and caution should be exercised in those areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.

Watch (Orange): Conditions threaten public safety, so only essential travel, such as for work or emergencies, is recommended. Emergency action plans should be activated by schools, government agencies, businesses and other organizations.

Warning (Red): Travel may be restricted to emergency workers only. Citizens are directed to refrain from all travel, comply with necessary emergency measures, cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency plans, and comply with the directions of properly identified officers.

The current travel advisory map can be found at www.in.gov/dhs by clicking the County Travel Advisory Map link under Topics of the Day.

It is important to remember that these categories only affect counties in Indiana. If travel takes Hoosiers into a neighboring state, they may not have the luxury of consistent travel advisories.