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Mayor Jacobs Talks About Holiday Travels, the Health Department, and More

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— During his Weekly Update that will post around 1 p.m. today, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs talks about holiday travels, the Knox County Health Department, and more.

Mayor Jacobs reminds everyone that the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is helping holiday travelers make good time on the state’s highways during Christmas and New Year’s. TDOT will halt lane closures on interstates and state highways to accommodate high traffic volumes beginning at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23 through 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025. However, some long-term closures will remain in place for safety reasons.

“TDOT officials also want to remind travelers to wear your seatbelts, reduce your speed, and move over for emergency vehicles,” Mayor Jacobs says.

Mayor Jacobs praises the Knox County Health Department for the two initiatives that received statewide recognition through the Tennessee Department of Health’s (TDH) Bright Spot Awards. The awards recognize examples of efforts that aim to prevent negative health outcomes.

“The Knox Pediatric Dental Initiative received a gold award, and the Maternal Child Health Workgroup received a bronze award. KCHD was the only metro health department to receive two awards,” Mayor Jacobs says. “Great job by our team at the Health Department.”

Mayor Jacobs also wishes our UT Vols and Zoo Knoxville “orange pandas” good luck for the big game this weekend.

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