



A Broadband Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)



Zoom Security Guidance

Here are three of the best ways to help mitigate the risks of utilizing Zoom, or any online video solution.

ZOOM SECURITY GUIDANCE

[New dashboard highlights critical coronavirus data for Iowans](#)

By visiting coronavirus.iowa.gov, you can now see more detailed information about each county's COVID-19 data.

Source: KCCI News

[Internet of Things \(#IoT\): Its uses and applications in everyday life](#)

IoT, a system that bridges the gap between daily objects and the internet, is rapidly transforming the way we perform our day to day tasks. #ICYMI #WorldIoT April 9

Source: TechGenyz

Healthcare

[Iowa clinics serve thousands of patients through tele-health appointments](#)

MercyOne doctors can now make hospital rounds from a command center, avoiding face-to-face exposures.

Source: KCCI News

[How to apply for FCC's COVID-19 telehealth funding program](#)

Eligible organizations would get full funding for approved services & devices "necessary to provide critical connected care" until funds are exhausted or the pandemic subsides.

Source: Healthcare IT News

[Rapid roll-out of telehealth services in Iowa: 'We're just going crazy with it,' one doctor says](#)

Telehealth helps keep Iowans who aren't infected with the highly contagious virus out of the health care system.

Source: KCCI News

[Stanford Medicine is using data and digital tools to predict the next COVID-19 surge](#)

Using a daily survey that tracks the occurrence of possible COVID-19 symptoms in communities could allow hospitals and healthcare workers to prepare.

Source: Fierce Healthcare

Cyber

[Cyberattacks continue to mount during COVID-19 pandemic](#)

From PPE phishing scams to ransomware to hospital supply chain risks, hackers and scammers are seizing on the chaos of the coronavirus crisis.

Source: Healthcare IT News

[Protecting Critical Infrastructure from Cyberattacks](#)

In this WatchBlog, the authors look at the growing risks that put cybersecurity on GAO's High Risk List, and ways the federal government could better safeguard critical infrastructure.

Source: US Government Accountability Office

[Human Behavior is What Makes Phishing Attacks So Successful](#)

In short, bad guys need humans to behave a certain way to see a successful phishing attack.

Source: KnowBe4

Education

[Iowa Youth Writing Project aims to inspire K-12 students digitally as schools are closed](#)

As the organization transitions to a virtual format, its focus is on inspiring a sense of creativity among K-12 students in Iowa.

Source: The Daily Iowan

[Virtual learning tips for Iowa students and parents](#)

This marks the first week many districts across the state shift to fully-online classes.

Source: We Are Iowa 5 News

[States Can Ask to Use Existing Federal Education Funds for Remote Learning Tech](#)

US Dept of Ed rolled out a waiver request process to repurpose existing federal funding to pay for new tech & teacher training associated with online learning.

Source: Route Fifty

Digital Divide

[When School Is Online, the Digital Divide Grows Greater](#)

Most US schools are closed, with instruction shifting to the internet. That's a problem for millions of people without reliable broadband, including 20 percent of rural students.

Source: WIRED

[Burlington schools look to boost wifi connection to students without internet](#)

Schools are now trying to keep students connected through E-learning, but in some rural areas, technology is a challenge.

Source: WQAD News

[Coronavirus Sparks New Interest in Bridging Digital Divides](#)

Advocates and government staffers say there is a renewed interest in supporting their work, with shelter-at-home orders emphasizing the need to bridge digital divides.

Source: Government Technology

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