



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



COVID-19 SCAMS

State's attorney's office in Iowa warns Iowans of potential scams amid COVID-19

"Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to steal money and personal information. Don't let them."

Read for tips to help you and your loved ones protect yourselves.

Source: KWQC News

[Americans turn to technology during COVID-19 outbreak, say an outage would be a problem](#)

A majority of Americans are turning to digital means to stay connected and track information about the outbreak.

Source: Pew Research

Healthcare

[Rural Iowans counting on expanded telehealth options](#)

Iowa doctors say they're performing thousands of routine patient visits over the phone during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Source: KCCI News

[ISU engineers make face shields for health care community](#)

The Iowa State University Mechanical Engineering Department is using a 3D printer to make "halos," which is the ring of the mask that goes around the head, for health care workers.

Source: KCCI News

[Penn Nursing Offering New Telehealth Online Course Free to All Healthcare Providers](#)

Penn Nursing is offering its new online training in best practices for telehealth to all health care providers, free of charge.

Source: Newswise

[Cybersecurity in the time of COVID-19](#)

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of cybersecurity and digital transformation.

Source: Healthcare IT News

Cyber

[Video conferencing: 10 privacy tips for your business](#)

While video conferencing services help you connect, they also pose new privacy and data security risks.

Source: Federal Trade Commission

[Video series: It's Cybersecurity 101 for all of us working at home](#)

However you #WFH, the tools you're using are connected to the internet. And bad things could happen to your devices or your data if you're not careful

Source: Iowa State University

[State CISOs Talk Cybersecurity in the Age of Coronavirus](#)

Staying vigilant against evolving threats and learning from past experience. The first in a multi-part series looking at how COVID-19 has affected cybersecurity for state agencies.

Source: Government Technology

Government

[GAO's FraudNet Hotline Ready to Help Combat Fraud Under COVID-19 Assistance](#)

To report allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse, the public can visit the FraudNet website at <http://www.gao.gov/fraudnet>.

Source: US Government Accountability Office

Public Safety

[Text-to-911 Saves Lives, but Data Suggests It Remains Rare](#)

As of January 28, 2020, 98 of Iowa's 99 counties have 911 call centers capable of receiving text messages. View the HSEMD website for more

info. <https://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/programs/Text-to-911.html>

Source: Government Technology

Education

[University of Iowa no stranger to teaching and learning online](#)

Faculty, staff migrate classes online and get creative to find the best possible ways to teach their students

Source: University of Iowa

[Iowa State faculty get creative as courses move online for remainder of spring semester](#)

100% of all online learning-appropriate courses had been migrated online through Canvas, video conferencing and other measures.

Source: Iowa State University

[Coronavirus: What Are We Learning About Online Instruction?](#)

Schools nationwide have rapidly moved to embrace online instruction, yielding a wealth of information that should not be forgotten.

Source: Government Technology

[In the COVID-19 era, the wheels on the bus increasingly bring Wi-Fi](#)

With public options like the library off-limits, how do you connect in-need students?

Source: Ars Technica

Libraries

[How Public Libraries Are Responding to the Pandemic](#)

The findings of a new study show that as public libraries close their buildings to the public, staff continue to serve their communities in innovative ways.

Source: American Library Association