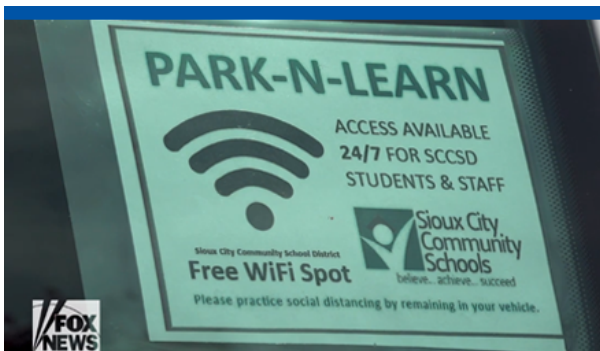*A Broadband Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)*

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Iowa school district sends Wi-Fi vans into vulnerable communities as coronavirus keeps students home

"We've got... between 20-30% of our student population that does not have Internet connectivity at home that's robust enough for online learning."

Source: Fox News

Education

[Millions in federal pandemic relief funds on the way to Iowa schools](#)
Funds to address COVID-19 related needs including online learning support, professional development, educational technology.
Source: Radio Iowa

[Why Online School Attendance Records Matter During Crisis](#)
The goal of taking daily attendance isn't to crack down on absentees, but to monitor that students are faring well through the pandemic, say Pennsylvania school officials.
Source: Government Technology

[Securing Schools: The 5 Key Components of a Comprehensive Approach to Cybersecurity in Education](#)
Data breaches cause real-world damage and tarnish the credibility of the organizations that fall prey to them.
Source: Center for Digital Education

[Virtual Reality Campus Visits Let Students Connect with Colleges During COVID-19](#)
Touring a college in person may be out of the question for a while due to COVID-19. Can virtual reality tours fill the void?
Source: Center for Digital Education

Digital Divide

[Closing the Homework Gap During COVID-19: Rural Operators Turn to 'MacGyver Boxes' and Wi-Fi Broadband](#)
Some rural telecom providers have stepped up to add free Wi-Fi hotspots and bring free broadband to homes with school-age children.
Source: Telecompetitor

[The Information Superhighway: 20% of Missourians -- more than a million people -- without high-speed Internet](#)
Most people use the internet every day in one form or fashion, it has become as common as electricity and indoor plumbing.
Source: Southeast Missourian

Government

[Several people are hacking: Feds turn to civilian Slack groups for help during coronavirus](#)
Internet crime has skyrocketed in recent months, leading governments to turn to cybersecurity professionals for help.
Source: NBC News

[Office Work: Will We Ever Go Back?](#)
As the governments lift stay-at-home emergency orders, organizations are grappling with what it means to reopen offices. What will change? Will telework be the new normal? Let's explore.
Source: Government Technology

[Vermont Begins Issuing Driver's License Renewals Online](#)
System upgrades at the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles have led to safer and more secure IDs at a time when residents are sheltering at home and offices are shuttered.
Source: Government Technology

[Senator Miller-Meeks continues push for rural broadband](#)
Before COVID-19 halted the 2020 legislative session in March, the Iowa Senate passed legislation that would improve broadband service in Iowa's rural communities.
Source: KTVO Television

Healthcare

[Telehealth sees dramatic increase in local use](#)
Recent trends may continue, even after coronavirus ends
Source: The Messenger

[FCC Approves Fifth Set Of COVID-19 Telehealth Program Applications](#)
Health care providers in both urban and rural areas of the country will use this $11.19 million in funding to provide telehealth services during the coronavirus pandemic.
Source: Benton Institute

[Amid Crisis, Telehealth Takes Hold at Wisconsin Hospitals](#)
Telehealth, used sparingly the past 10 to 15 years, has become a mainstay of everyday medicine. the federal government has eased rules on telehealth and boosted payments for it.
Source: Government Technology

[Illinois Telehealth Options May Stay Long After COVID-19](#)
Some experts believe that the temporary expansion of telehealth services will have lasting effects and that offerings will remain as a widely available.
Source: Government Technology