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

Together During Distance Learning

Cade Lambert, Superintendent of Des Moines Christian outlines how Des Moines Christian moved to modified virtual learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Des Moines Partnership

Education

[MCC online summer camps teach tech skills at home](#)
To help kids have positive summer experiences from home, and to teach them useful and fun 21st Century skills, Muscatine Community College has moved its summer camps online this year.
Source: Discover Muscatine

[Council Bluffs Community Schools offer virtual summer learning to students](#)
Enrollment will be unlimited. "By doing it virtually, we may be able to serve more students,"
Source: Daily Nonpareil

[EICC offers augmented & virtual reality application class reality](#)
Students curious about what AVR is all about & interested in learning more have the opportunity to participate in a 4-week Survey of Augmented & Virtual Reality summer class.
Source: The Clinton Herald

[2019 Iowa PBS STEM Teacher Externs](#)
In 2019, Iowa PBS hosted two STEM teacher externs through the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council. These interviews feature those teachers and the great work they produced as part of their externship.
Source: Iowa Department of Education

[Indiana Community College Offers Free Classes to Residents](#)
Ivy Tech Community College will provide free classes to 10,000 Indiana residents in a range of high-demand areas, including advanced manufacturing, business & cybersecurity.
Source: Center for Digital Education

Cybersecurity

[Phishing for Supermarket Deliveries](#)
Scammers are exploiting the increased demand for online shopping by setting up spoofed supermarket websites. The sites are designed to steal credentials, payment card numbers, and personal information.
Source: KnowBe4

[BBB Tip: Staying safe on the internet](#)
June is internet safety month. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) encourages everyone to stay safe while online and avoid being easy targets for online scammers.
Source: Better Business Bureau

[Government Accountability Office Recommends Better Cyber Coordination on Fed-State Data Sharing](#)
Recommendations to improve coordination of cybersecurity requirements among Federal agencies to protect data shared with state government agencies.
Source: MeriTalk

Healthcare

[Expanding Internet Access Improves Health Outcomes](#)
Many rural health advocates are trying to do something about it by pushing for the infrastructure to enable telehealth programs and remote patient monitoring.
Source: Government Technology

[Hospitals Among Hackers' Favorite Ransom Targets, Insurer Warns](#)
Hospitals may be better prepared for cyberattacks than other industries, but they're still a favorite bull's-eye for hackers during the coronavirus pandemic.
Source: Bloomberg Law

[The COVID-19 pandemic has brought more accessible mental health care](#)
Mental health services have been scarce in Texas' vast rural stretches. But the pandemic has caused the state to lift restrictions on providing care online or by phone.
Source: Texas Tribune

[FCC Surpasses $100M in Approved COVID-19 Telehealth Program Applications](#)
COVID-19 Telehealth Program, authorized by the CARES Act, has approved funding for 305 healthcare providers in 42 states + D.C. for a total of $105M in funding.
Source: HIT Consultant

Digital Divide

[Expanding Internet Access Improves Health Outcomes](#)
'Double-burdened counties' have both poor health outcomes and low broadband penetration. High-speed Internet creates access to telehealth services for preventive and critical care.
Source: Government Technology

[Legislative Watch: COVID-19 and the Digital Divide](#)
In a socially distanced world, citizens who most need online resources are least likely to be able to access them. Recent bills on the digital divide are addressing the problem.
Source: GOVERNING

Government

[Digital Government More Critical Than Ever](#)
Transitioning away from paper documents will not only help local governments during crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, but will also make services more accessible in the future.
Source: Government Technology

[Michigan Assures Voting By Mail Won't Be Riddled With Fraud](#)
Absentee ballots made up 99% of the votes from Michigan's May election & there were zero reports of fraud.
Source: GOVERNING

[**Brennan Center Spotlights Election Security Steps, Calls for More Funding**](#)
Election security experts released a new guide on how to protect elections during COVID-19, calling attention to existing resources from Federal agencies.
Source: MeriTalks