



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



TELEHEALTH

Iowa Veterans Administration telehealth visits on the rise

The COVID-19 pandemic has VA patients checking in with their doctors via telehealth appointments.

Source: We Are Iowa 5 News

Cybersecurity

[What New Cybersecurity Legislation Doesn't Include](#)

Cybersecurity legislation needs to include ways to improve IT hygiene and visibility, the collective root of the cybersecurity problem.

Source: Security Blvd

[4 tips for protecting users from COVID-19-targeted attacks](#)

Remote users in particular are vulnerable to coronavirus-themed phishing attempts, malicious domains, and repurposed malware. Protect them with these basic steps.

Source: CSO Online

[The Psychology of Passwords](#)

Most people believe they are knowledgeable about the risks of poor password security; however, they are not using that knowledge to protect themselves from cyber threats.

Source: National Cybersecurity Alliance

[Google says it will no longer save a complete record of every search](#)

The firm will now delete its saved records of a new user's activity after 18 months.

Source: The Guardian

Education

[Iowa Virtual Academy Health-Related Enrollment Exceptions Extended for the 2020-2021 School Year](#)

IAVA offers an online, tuition-free education to students statewide in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Source: Business Wire

[Professors and students in Iowa face virtual limits to education](#)

Campuses prepare for mix of online and in-person classes. Outfitting classrooms with cameras to allow sick or at-risk students to keep up while in isolation.

Source: The Gazette

[Georgia to Spend Additional \\$5 Million on Online Education](#)

The board also approved using \$4 million of federal CARES Act COVID-19 relief funding to pay for internet connectivity, school buses with internet hotspots and personal hotspots.

Source: Government Technology

[Course-sharing can help small colleges weather the pandemic](#)

Officials at one institution explain why they are expanding work with a consortium to offer online classes to more students.

Source: Education Dive

Digital Divide

[Coralville Library provides Wi-Fi to members of the community](#)

The library started with 20 Wi-Fi hotspots, but with the high demand, the library applied for the Community development Block Grant, allowing them to buy 40 more.

Source: CBS News Now

[Why FCC should proceed with 5G fund for rural broadband](#)

The proposal to establish a 5G fund would distribute \$9 billion across the country to support 5G connectivity specifically targeting rural areas that would likely go unserved.

Source: Washington Post

[Nonprofit Boosts Internet Connectivity in Rural South Texas](#)

Calling for signatures in support of bringing internet services to rural residents across South Texas where organizers say one third of the population lacks connectivity.

Source: Government Technology

[Panelists call for barriers between broadband and rural communities to be taken down](#)

According to a FCC report, 19 million Americans lack fixed broadband access – more than 75% of those people live in rural areas.

Source: Wisconsin State Farmer

[Google Fiber's first expansion in four years is in West Des Moines](#)

The city is building an open conduit network, with Google as its first tenant.

Source: Engadget

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