



A Broadband Awareness Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)
Weekly Update:

Iowa State, Illinois cybersecurity experts working to protect the region's infrastructure

ReCIPE, a new, nine-state coalition designed to improve defense of critical infrastructure from attacks by computer hackers.

Source: Iowa State University



Cybersecurity

[Businesses worried about cyberattacks during the holidays, report finds](#)

Survey of 1,206 cybersecurity professionals at organizations that experienced a ransomware attack during a holiday or weekend within the last year. A whopping 89% of the respondents indicated that they were concerned about a repeat cyber intrusion ahead of the holiday season. However, 36% said they had no "specific contingency plan in place to mount a response."

Source: CBS News

[Black Friday Online Shopping Tips](#)

With a few simple tips, you can enjoy the convenience of shopping online with peace of mind.

Source: National Cybersecurity Alliance

[4 Myths to Cybersecurity: Who's Vulnerable and How to Fight Back](#)

Source: Insurance Journal

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Government

[Biden's plan to make your internet cheaper and better is one step closer](#)

FCC will have the Democratic majority it needs to bring back Obama-era net neutrality rules.

Source: Vox

[Need cyber talent? 'Fish in a bigger pond,' university CISO says](#)

Offering remote work and recruiting workers without cybersecurity degrees can help universities — and government agencies — compete for a limited number of cybersecurity workers.

Source: EdScoop

Healthcare

[FCC Allocates Additional \\$42M for COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#)

The FCC announced it approved an additional 75 applications, which marks the FCC's fourth

funding announcement of approved Round Two applications.

Source: MeriTalk

[COVID-19 pandemic spurred new telehealth deals with employers: 5 insights](#)

Most employers expanded telehealth offerings for their employees since the start of the pandemic, with 1 in 10 large firms inking new deals with telehealth providers.

Source: Beckers Hospital Review

Public Safety

[Prepping responders for automated vehicles](#)

The Transportation Institute (VTTI) outlines how public safety workers can better understand and interact with automated driving system (ADS) equipped vehicles.

Source: GCN the Virginia Tech

[House passes bill with \\$500 million in NG911 funding that coalition describes as 'woefully inadequate'](#)

The legislation is expected to face significant challenges in the Senate, and a coalition of public-safety associations described the NG911 funding level as "woefully inadequate."

Source: Urgent Communications

Digital Divide

[Early Reports Show the Emergency Broadband Benefit is Not Reaching Its Intended Audience](#)

A new county-level data and maps will help researchers and leaders understand impacts of the EBB program.

Source: Broadband Breakfast

[Pew Applauds Infrastructure Bill's Commitment to Broadband Access, Equity](#)

Landmark investments would help expand high-speed, reliable internet.

Source: The Pew Charitable Trusts

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