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STIMULUS CHECK SCAMS

FBI Warns of Stimulus Check Scams

"Government agencies are not sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money."

Source: KnowBe4

[Coronavirus prepares internet providers](#)

N'West Iowa internet providers say they are prepared for the extra traffic.

Source: N'West Iowa REVIEW

Healthcare

[Iowa State students 3D-printing face shields for Iowa hospitals](#)

An Iowa State University team, in partnership with Alliant Energy, has found a way to help by manufacturing and distributing face shields to Iowa hospitals.

Source: Iowa State University

[University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics launches 'virtual hospital' to treat COVID-19 patients](#)

"The goal ... is for us to follow and provide treatment to patients ... to hopefully keep them from having to come to the hospital."

Source: The Daily Iowan

[Using 3D to Make PPE](#)

To mitigate the ongoing crisis, some public and academic libraries are using their 3D printers to create the PPE components needed on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: American Libraries

[How the COVID-19 pandemic is reshaping healthcare with technology](#)

Geisinger Health has kept up with a 500% increase in telehealth visits and a doubling of remote workers to 13,000 employees..

Source: CIO Online

[FCC outlines \\$200 million COVID-19 telehealth plan](#)

And says it won't kick users off of its Lifeline cell phone subsidy program.

Source: Engadget

Digital Divide

[Jack Trice Stadium offers drive-up Wi-Fi](#)

Using an Iowa State Net-ID login, students and staff are able to have a remote access to the Eduroam network from their vehicles.

Source: Iowa State Daily

Government

[Coronavirus Has Potential to Reshape Government Technology](#)

The coronavirus crisis has made it clear that technology is essential to continuity of government, but investing in IT will be tough with budgets heading south.

Source: GOVERNING

[Governments Get Creative to Adapt to Coronavirus Reality](#)

Knoxville, Tenn., recently launched a chatbot to address U.S. Census questions, then came the novel coronavirus. The shift helped the city meet constituents stuck at home.

Source: Government Technology

[Resources to support learning at home](#)

The Iowa Department of Education released a host of optional resources for families and educators to use as they support student learning during school closures due to COVID-19.

Source: Iowa's News Now

Education

[FCC Extends E-Rate Program Deadlines Due to COVID-19](#)

The order waives the service implementation deadline for special construction for all funding year 2019 applicants and extends this deadline by one year, from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Source: Broadband Communities

[Internet2 Partners with the National Archives to Offer New Distance Learning Opportunities for Students](#)

Sign up for upcoming distance learning programs for students and families.

Source: Internet2

Public Safety

[911 call centers have enough capacity so far, but upgrades are delayed](#)

The nation's emergency phone systems are proving resilient during the coronavirus pandemic, even in regions where call volume is surging, according to survey results.

Source: State Scoop

[House Dems include NG911 funding in future infrastructure proposal](#)

Implementing NG911 would involve transitioning 911 centers to an IP-based architecture capable of handling voice, text, data, images and video communications.

Source: Urgent Communications

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