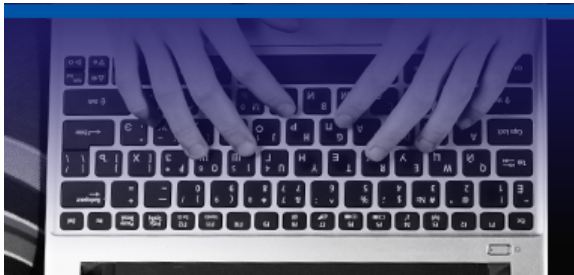




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Iowa receives \$26.2 million in emergency education relief to expand broadband access

Better enabling remote learning for K-12 and postsecondary students is the goal of Iowa's GEER application.

Source: Iowa Department of Education

Education

[How Blended Learning Helps in a Crisis](#)

A school in Maryland has been practicing blended learning for years. What they have learned could serve as a model for K-12 public schools as they shift to distance learning during the pandemic.

Source: Government Technology

Cybersecurity

[UTSA, Feds Discuss Creating Cybersecurity Research Institute](#)

Establishing a \$70 million cybersecurity research institute, its mission to safeguard manufacturers who rely heavily on automation.

Source: Center for Digital Education

[Telework Guidance and Resources](#)

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) provides links to assist organizations and teleworkers to be secure when working remotely.

Source: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

[Cyber Essentials Toolkit](#)

A set of modules designed to break down the CISA Cyber Essentials into bite-sized actions for IT and C-suite leadership to work toward full implementation of each Cyber Essential.

Source: The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency

Digital Divide

[ImOn expanding free community Wi-Fi locations in Cedar Rapids](#)

The free Wi-Fi at multiple locations should be accessible outside, while customers remain in their vehicles, to enable social distancing.

Source: KCRG-TV

[State AGs Recommend COVID-19 Broadband Funding](#)

The COVID-19 broadband funding letter urges legislators to increase funding for the Universal Service Fund & to make “flexible” funding available to state, territorial & local governments.

Source: Telecompetitor

[5 steps to get the internet to all Americans](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the critical nature of access to fast and affordable internet service.

Source: Brookings Institute

Healthcare

[Breaking down barriers to remote monitoring in healthcare is critical with COVID-19](#)

Potential to use remote monitoring technology to better prepare for a second wave of COVID-19 with at-risk populations and front-line healthcare workers.

Source: Fierce Healthcare

[USDA makes changes to increase use of telehealth](#)

Helping link rural residents to health care services not available locally.

Source: Pahrump Valley Times

[Community Health Centers Need a Telehealth Strategy, Resources to Survive](#)

A new Health Affairs article notes how community health centers have struggled to use telehealth before and during COVID-19, and offers advice for the future.

Source: mHealth Intelligence

Government

[Story County Board of Supervisors make updates to strategic plan for 2020](#)

Desires to update a 2015 needs assessment for broadband connectivity in an effort to meet a long-term plan to expand broadband service throughout the county.

Source: Ames Tribune

[Building Digital Government That Can Withstand Surges](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic overwhelmed many state unemployment insurance websites. All governments can take advantage of things like cloud technology to prepare for the next storm.

Source: Government Technology

[ODOT Keeps a Mobile Workforce on the Move](#)

Ohio Dept. of Transportation wanted to improve remote access to applications for their teams, who deliver snow and ice removal, to annual construction programs, to highway maintenance operations.

Source: MeriTalk State and Local

[New Jersey Courts System Goes Virtual During COVID-19 Pandemic With AWS Cloud](#)

Thanks to an investment in technology modernization, the New Jersey Courts system was able to stay operational, even with 99% of its staff working from home.

Source: MeriTalk State and Local

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