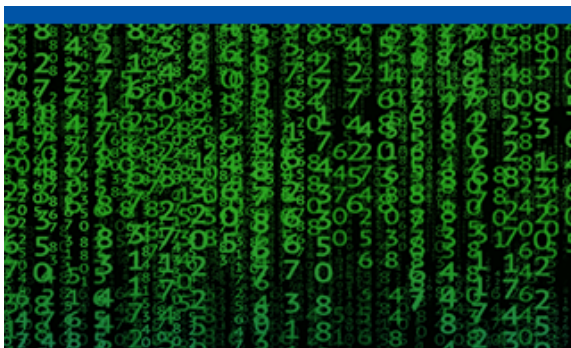




A Broadband Awareness Initiative from the [Iowa Communications Network](#)



ONLINE DATA SAFETY

Online Safety Basics

Wednesday was #WorldBackupDay. Remember the 3-2-1 rule:

Have at least 3 copies of your data,
Keep copies on 2 different storage media,
With 1 located offsite.

Source: StaySafeOnline

Cybersecurity

[The Importance of Cybersecurity to Search Engine Optimization](#)

Prevention is better than cure. Read how a cybersecurity breach affects the SEO of your site and what your business can do to increase cybersecurity.

Source: Security Boulevard

[CISA and NCSA Advise K-12 on Future Cybersecurity Threats](#)

With ransomware attacks against K-12 schools on the rise, the federal cybersecurity authority and a nonprofit hosted a webinar to brief educators.

Source: Government Technology

Digital Divide

[Partnership launches regional broadband survey in 11 Central Iowa counties](#)

The survey is led by a steering committee that has been tasked with drafting a report on internet availability and proposing strategies to increase access.

Source: Business Record

[As Iowa invests millions into rural broadband, Washington Co. family calls upgraded speeds 'a game-changer'](#)

Their upgraded connection is the result of the state's investment of millions of dollars into rural broadband.

Source: KCRG-TV

[Wisconsin Tethered Drone Project to Expand Rural Broadband](#)

This unique pilot program in Wisconsin uses tethered drones to boost Internet connections for students living in rural areas within the Northland Pines School District.

Source: Government Technology

Education

[The FY2021 Filing Window Has Closed: What's Next?](#)

Whether you are a first-time filer or an E-rate veteran, here are a few tips to keep in mind as we move toward the start of FY2021.

Source: Funds for Learning

[Pandemic emphasizes need for digital literacy education](#)

"Children are exposed to various risks online... If children haven't had the training to know what to look out for, they're perhaps subject to more risks."

Source: Iowa State University

Government

[Lawmakers Urge Internet Companies to Join New Discount Broadband Program](#)

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, slated to start at the end of April, will provide discounts on internet service to struggling households.

Source: Route Fifty

[Stimulus Package Means Billions for State and Local Tech](#)

The massive federal stimulus package signed last week will bring billions of dollars to state and local governments. Here's what that will mean for technology modernization efforts.

Source: Government Technology

[House Republicans plan \\$100 million for broadband expansion](#)

"We're going to have a General Fund appropriation that will make a significant investment in broadband," Grassley says.

Source: Radio Iowa

Healthcare

[Summit to bring together health care and broadband experts to discuss changes to and future of telehealth](#)

The April 13th event is free to the public and will include an opportunity for Q&A with industry insiders and decision makers.

Source: Connected Nation

[Use of Telehealth by Surgical Specialties During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Results from this study showed that telehealth use grew across all surgical specialties in Michigan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association - Surgery

Public Safety

[FirstNet Supports Vaccine Distribution Efforts Across the U.S.](#)

FirstNet is supporting COVID testing and vaccination sites across the country. See how #publicsafety's network is enabling mobile vaccination teams and keeping responders connected at pop-up and remote clinics.

Source: FirstNet

[HSEMD recognizes National 911 Education Month and National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in April](#)

"When calling 911, remember to stay calm, and be aware of your location so you can help 911 dispatchers locate you during an emergency."

Source: Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management

The Iowa Communications Network is a state-of-the-art fiber optic network providing high-speed Internet, data, voice, security, and consulting services to Iowa's healthcare, education, government, and public safety sectors.

