Connectivity Resources

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- Access from AT&T: AT&T offers low-cost wired home internet service to qualifying residents who participate in SNAP. Service options range from \$5 \$10 per month.
 - COVID-19 Special Offering: AT&T said its waiving of usage policies applies to both its
 Internet wireline and fixed wireless Internet customers. The telco is also offering Cisco
 Webex Meetings for 90 days to businesses, universities and schools, and is crediting wireless customers for charges incurred while in CDC Level-3 countries where AT&T offers service.
- Charter Communications:
 - COVID-19 Special Offering: Charter will offer <u>free Spectrum broadband/Wi-Fi access for 60 days</u> to homes w/ K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a broadband subscription. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395.
- Comcast:
 - COVID-19 Special Offering: New policies for the next 60 days (For more information and updates from Comcast related to Coronavirus,

visit: http://www.comcastcorporation.com/COVID-19/)

- Xfinity Wi-Fi Free For Everyone
- Pausing Our Data Plan
- No Disconnects or Late Fees
- Internet Essentials Free to New Customers
- News, Information and Educational Content on X1 and Flex
- 24×7 Network Monitoring
- <u>Cox Communications</u>: provides home internet for \$9.95/month for families that have a K-12 student and receive government assistance.
 - COVID-19 Special Offering: Cox is offering to fast-track the qualification process for Connect2Compete. Schools are being asked to contact connectnow@cox.com with a list of eligible low-income students that currently do not have an internet connection. Cox will assist in getting students qualified quickly so they can continue learning from home. Cox has also partnered with PCs for People where families can purchase discounted refurbished computers: https://cox.pcsrefurbished.com/. Also:
 - Not terminate service to any residential or small business customer because of an inability to pay their bills due to disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.
 - Waive any late fees that residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic.
 - Open Cox Wi-Fi hotspots to help keep the public connected in this time of need.
- CenturyLink: Discounted Home internet service for \$9.95/month.
- <u>Internet Essentials from Comcast</u>: Comcast offers internet service for \$9.95/month to households that have at least one child who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program.
- <u>Kajeet</u>: Kajeet SmartSpots allow educators to provide students CIPA-compliant, 4G-LTE internet access outside the classroom so they can complete their required assignments and homework. Kajeet also offers SmartBus, Wi-Fi internet access on the bus.
 - o COVID-19 Special Offering: 4G LTE Hotspot Devices for Distance Learning

- <u>Lifeline</u>: The FCC's Lifeline program provides millions of families with discounted monthly telephone service. On March 31, 2016, the FCC voted to modernize the program to include broadband access. For the first time, Lifeline will support stand-alone broadband service as well as bundled voice and data service packages to help provide low-income Americans with access. In addition, for the first time, Lifeline has an option to purchase for an entire building. Plus, the FCC is developing a Digital Inclusion Plan.
- <u>Microsoft Airband Initiative</u>: The Microsoft Airband Initiative, they have established partnerships in 16 states that will bring broadband connectivity to more than 1 million rural residents who currently lack access. Through these partnerships, they have demonstrated that fixed wireless technologies including TV white spaces technologies, alongside traditional fiber optic and satellite coverage, can be the most cost-effective way to expand broadband availability in rural communities.
- Mobile Beacon: Mobile Beacon provides 4G LTE internet service, technology grants, and device donation programs to schools, libraries, and nonprofits. By significantly lowering the cost of mobile broadband access, schools and other anchor institutions have been able to create hotspot lending programs, deploy WiFi on school buses, and enable anytime/anywhere access with uncapped data plans to support learning on and off campus. Recent research papers are available to provide more information about how this service has benefited schools as well as students and their families previously on the wrong side of the digital divide.
 - **COVID-19 Special Offering**: Mobile Beacon customers may utilize Sprint's free content filtering tool.
- Spectrum Internet Assist. Qualified households can receive high-speed 30 Mbps Internet with no
 data caps and in-home Wi-Fi for an additional \$5 per month. A member of the household must be a
 recipient of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or Supplemental Security Income (≥ age 65
 only).
- <u>Sprint 1 Million Project</u>. The project aims to help 1 million high school students who do not have reliable Internet access at home by giving them mobile devices and free high-speed Internet access.
- <u>T-Mobile</u>-The EmpowerED 2.0 program aims to narrow America's digital divide by providing wireless devices and service plans to eligible schools and their students.