This document will be updated as we receive new information. This is meant to assist school districts as they work on continuity of education plans. IU1 makes no assurances as to the veracity of any of these offers:

Xfinity has provided a map showing available hotspots to use for free at:  <https://wifi.xfinity.com>.

Comcast does not have jetpacks or anything similar, but they are providing unlimited data to users: <https://corporate.comcast.com/covid-19>

Armstrong is offering a discounted service on broadband. $20 per month for three months.

Atlantic Broadband is offering  internet service to low-income families at no cost for a 15/2Mb connection for 2 months and it’s $9.99/month after that. – **Interested parties should call customer service @ 1-888-536-9600 to see if they qualify.**

**Since these connections are for residential accounts, anyone who wants to sign up will need to contact customer care @ 1-888-536-9600 or visit the website below.  Thanks for getting the word out about this as we want to help in any way we can to get folks connected during this time.  Please let me know of any and all things I can help with and stay safe!  Aaron**

<https://atlanticbb.com/keeping-customers-safe-and-connected-covid-19>

 There is also a push through E-Rate to have USAC approve internet devices such as a jetpack.  I don’t believe that will happen soon enough to help us out right now, but there are advocates for it.

**Other suggestions include:**

* Families park in the library or school parking lot and access the wifi
* Many businesses are offering free wifi access, such as Starbucks

**Use your Phone as a Hotspot**

Many smart phones can be turned into a "hotspot" for use by other devices. Depending on your provider and plan, this may be either free or a small additional charge to your service. If you are unsure about your plan, contact your provider for details. If you know that your plan provides for hotspot use, this article by PC Magazine can provide guidance on how to turn your phone into a Wi-Fi Hotspot. [https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-turn-your-phone-into-a-wi-fi-hotspot](https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-to-turn-your-phone-into-a-wi-fi-hotspot%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

**Internet Essentials from Comcast**

**Comcast** announced Thursday it will be increasing speeds for the Internet Essentials program, and making the program free to new low-income customers for two months, amid the coronavirus outbreak.

In a letter, Comcast President of Consumer Services Dana Strong said that the change is for the millions of low-income Americans who don't have internet service during this uncertain time.

To sign up, applicants can simply visit <https://www.internetessentials.com/>. The accessible website also includes the option to video chat with customer service agents in American Sign Language. There are also two dedicated phone numbers 1-855-846-8376 for English and 1-855-765-6995 for Spanish.

**Universal Service Administrative Company**

**USAC** (a funding branch of the FCC) offers a program called Lifeline which provides discounts to qualified families on their home Internet service. To find out more about this program, visit:

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/lifeline-support-affordable-communications>.

**Verizon LifeLine**

**Verizon** offers Verizon Lifeline plans for home phone service or broadband (internet) service. The broadband discount is limited to Fios internet service at a speed of 18 megabits per second or above.

If you qualify for the Lifeline discount service, you are eligible to receive a reduced rate on your Verizon monthly bill. To sign up for this service, please read the attached PDF ([English](https://www.verizon.com/supportresources/content/dam/verizon/support/consumer/documents/phone/low-cost/ll_application_nvstates-2-7-2020.pdf) | [Spanish](https://www.verizon.com/supportresources/content/dam/verizon/support/consumer/documents/phone/low-cost/ll-sp_application_nvstates_2-7-2020.pdf)) or visit their website at [www.verizon.com/support/residential/account/manage-account/lifeline-discount](https://www.verizon.com/support/residential/account/manage-account/lifeline-discount).