

COMMERCIAL CONNECTIVITY RESOURCES Updated 5/20/20

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<u>Provider/ Program</u>	<u>Eligibility</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Link</u>
Free and Low-Cost Internet			
Xfinity Wifi Hotspots	Public: Open to the public, including non-Xfinity Internet Customers	Xfinity outdoor WiFi hotspots are free to use for everyone, nationwide, until June 30, 2020. Users only need to select "xfinitywifi" as the network name at a hotspot and launch a browser. For locations, check out this map . Please note that these hotspots are not part of the Xfinity residential WiFi network.	Link
Comcast Internet Essentials	Public: Must be new Internet Essentials customer AND from qualifying low-income household	<p>Comcast is offering the first two months of its Internet Essentials program for free to new customers from qualifying low-income households if you apply by June 30, 2020. After two months, the service costs \$9.95 per month (plus tax) for qualified low-income families. Comcast boosted the speeds up to 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream.</p> <p>Internet Essentials customers can also purchase a subsidized and discounted computer for less than \$150 (includes Norton Security Suite, Microsoft Windows 10 Professional, and Microsoft Office Home & Business 2010).</p> <p>Barriers Removed: Participants' social security numbers are not required to apply, the contract has no terms, and excludes installation fees. Customers with outstanding debts owed to Comcast can still be eligible. <i>(One must apply and be approved by 6/30/2020 for Comcast to waive outstanding debt qualification.)</i></p>	Link
RCN Internet First	Public: Have not subscribed to RCN services within the last 60 days AND name on the account must match the name of the household member who qualifies for the program	<p>RCN is offering the first 60 days of its Internet First program for free to customers that have not subscribed to RCN services in the last 60 days and from qualifying low-income households. The name on the account must match the name of the household member who qualifies for the program. After two months of complimentary service, the 25Mbps high-speed internet service costs \$9.95 per month (plus tax) for 10 months. Installation fees will be waived for eligible students and new customers.</p> <p>Barriers Removed: No credit check or deposit is required, and there are no activation or installation fees.</p>	Link
Extended Benefits for Existing Customers			
T-Mobile	Public: Existing T-Mobile Customers	All current T-Mobile plans with data will be granted free unlimited data until June 30, 2020, excluding roaming. T-Mobile customers on plans with smartphone mobile hotspot can add 20GB of smartphone mobile hotspot (10GB per bill cycle for the next 60 days) via myT-Mobile.com or the myT-Mobile app by adding the COVID-19 Response High Speed Smartphone Mobile Hotspot feature for each voice line. T-Mobile is working with their Lifeline partners to provide customers up to 5GB per month of extra free data through June 30, 2020.	Link

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LEA Resources			
T-Mobile EmpowerED Digital Learning	LEAs Only: Qualified / Existing LEAs enrolled in EmpowerED Digital Learning Program	T-Mobile is increasing the data allowance for free to schools and students using the EmpowerED program to ensure each participant has access to at least 20GB of data per month through June 30, 2020. The EmpowerED program has also been updated to include a new 1-year program. LEAs not eligible for K-12 pricing may be eligible for a Government unlimited plan. Application for LEAs available here. (Contact Brian.Carkhuff1@T-Mobile.com for additional questions.)	Link
1 Million Project	LEAs Only: Qualified LEAs	<i>[Program is <u>no longer</u> accepting new applications for SY20-21.]</i> PCS LEAs are invited to apply to the 1Million Project . Hotspots are available for \$43.75 each with 2 years of free service including 10GB per month of high speed data. (The 1Million project has doubled data allotment from 10GB to 20GB per month through June 30, 2020.) Smartphones including hotspot functionality are also available at \$70 each. Expected delivery times are 12+ weeks for hotspots and 4 weeks for smartphones. After two years, the 1Million Project will work with partner schools and districts to migrate to the T-Mobile Program. Application for LEAs available here.	Link

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