



Free and Low-Income Internet Options to Assist Consumers During COVID-19 Pandemic

Currently we are all relying on the internet more than ever during this period of social distancing and isolation. Whether you are a student trying to stay connected to school, a remote worker trying to hold onto your job, or just trying to connect with loved ones, the need is great. Here are some internet providers offering free and low-cost internet solutions to low-income families and households.

[HighSpeedInternet.com](https://www.highspeedinternet.com) provides a summary of free or low-cost offers available by various companies, bandwidth availability, and who qualifies. This site is a good starting point for exploring your options. Some example providers they detail are Altice Optimum, Suddenlink, Charter, Spectrum, Comcast, Xfinity, and Cox.

Additionally, according to a news release from [PaHouse.com](https://www.pa.gov/newsroom/news-releases/2020/04/03/verizon-wi-fi-hotspots), for a period of time some providers are either waiving late fees, refraining from terminating service to residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the outbreak, and some are opening their Wi-Fi hotspots or as increasing data caps. This site includes information on what Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, Sprint, Broadband Cable and others are offering in these areas.

Government Assistance: Lifeline is a government program backed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which It provides a monthly phone or internet service discount for eligible low-income households. Visit the [Lifeline](https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline) website for information on how they are helping to keep Americans connected during this crisis, including temporarily waiving Lifeline usage requirements and general de-enrollment procedure as well as extending a recent waiver of the program's recertification and reverification requirements until May 29, 2020. To find out if you qualify or how to apply visit [LifeLineSupport.org](https://www.lifelinesupport.org).

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