Broadband Access

If broadband access is an issue for households in your school district, here are links to resources and options that may be available in your area.

- Contact your local broadband provider(s):
  - List of broadband providers by county (with contact information): https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/maps/data.jsp
  - For help identifying providers in your area:
    - Minnesota Cable Communications Association: 651-493-0716
    - Minnesota Telecom Alliance: 651-288-3723
    - Satellite Industry Association: 202-503-1560
    - Wireless Infrastructure Association: 703-739-0300
    - WISPA (fixed wireless providers): 407-319-0062
- Companies with service options related to COVID-19 response. Note this is not a comprehensive list. Visit the Office of Broadband Development for updates and additions to this list.
  - AT&T
  - CenturyLink
  - Comcast
  - Charter
  - Mediacom
  - Sprint
  - T-Mobile
  - Verizon
- Minnesota Office of Broadband Development
  - For assistance identifying broadband service options or connecting with broadband providers, please call or email:
    - 651-259-7610
    - Deed.broadband@state.mn.us
  - K12 Connect Forward Program: https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/connect-forward/

Libraries

The American Library Association reiterates the valuable role of libraries in combatting misinformation and providing equitable access to information during this evolving crisis. The Minnesota Department of Education encourages library leaders to review the information provided in order to make informed decisions. Closing a library is a local decision made by cities, counties and/or regional public library systems. Scheduled library programs and bookmobile service may be cancelled and meeting rooms may be closed while the library building remains open. In its capacity of offering guidance to public libraries, MDE has several suggestions for libraries that choose to remain open during this exceptional and difficult time for our communities.