

Broadband Access

Low and No Cost Internet and Computer Options

- **Internet Essentials** – Comcast is offering an 'Internet Essentials' package free for low-income customers for 60 days. There is also an option to buy refurbished low-cost computers.

NOTE - Comcast announced Friday 3/13, it would open free public Wi-Fi hot spots throughout the country, as part of its response to the Coronavirus outbreak. It will also eliminate data caps for its customers.

- **Charter Communications** is offering Free Spectrum broadband and WiFi access for 60 days in home with K-12 and/or college students that don't have an existing Spectrum service level up to 100 Mbps.

- **Minnesota Computers for Schools** – Lifelong Learners Program: Do you need a computer but have no way of getting one? This may be a program to help. There is an application process, and the student would need a portion filled out by a Learning Partner/Counselor/Social Worker/Job Coach, etc.

- **PCs for People** - This option provides the ability to provide low-cost internet and computers to individuals who meet certain eligibility requirements. The internet access is provided with mobile hot-spots, which would allow students to take it wherever it is needed.

- **Refurble** – Provides low-cost refurbished machines to students.

- **MIDCO Lifeline** - Lifeline is a federal program intended to put home phone and internet service within the reach of qualifying families – giving low-income households affordable home phone or internet access.

- **Minnesota Office of Broadband Development** - Digital Inclusion