

Internet Access:

- AT&T and US Cellular are removing data caps associated with their wireless and wired connections.
- Charter Communications is offering free access to broadband for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students.
- Comcast is increasing access and speeds to their Internet Essentials Program (\$10/month broadband); new families get 60 days free.
- Tri-County Communications Cooperative (serves Hixton, Alma Center, Merrilan areas) is offering one month of free internet service and free installation to families in their serving area. Education-related installations are done as soon as possible.
1-800-831-0610
- [Connectivity resources from DPI](#)

Mental Health:

- Distress Line: If all the talk about COVID-19 is making you feel overwhelmed or frightened, support is available.
 - Call 1-800-985-5990
 - Text "TalkWithUs" to 66746
- Coping with Stress
 - [Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)
 - [NAMI HelpLine](#)
- Jackson County - Northwest Connections Mental Health and AODA Crisis Line
 - Call 1-888-552-6642
- LaCrosse County - Mental Health and Crisis Line
 - Call 784- HELP (4357)
- National Text "Hopeline"
 - Text "Hopeline" to 741741

Unemployment/Leave of Absence:

- You may be eligible for Unemployment Benefits if your employer has shut down operations due to COVID-19. Check to see if you're eligible: [Department of Workforce Development](#).
- [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#): paid leave if you need to be home for quarantine or caring for others.
- [Other financial questions](#)

Nutrition:

- Free breakfast & lunch for Melrose-Mindoro children (ages 18 and under) are available. At the following locations. If you are unable to pick-up, please contact Sarah McAdams at 1 (608) 488-2201 ext. 1156 to make other arrangements
 - Mindoro Lion Club Park 11:00 - 11:30 am
 - High School Office 11:00 - 11:30 am
 - Melrose Tank Park 11:00 - 11:30 am

- The School District has partnered with local organizations to provide weekend food for families in need. Please contact Jess Mulholland at mulhollandj@mel-min.k12.wi.us to make arrangements for this service.
- Wafer is available to all Melrose-Mindoro Families. Wafer has a mobile food pantry located at the Mindoro Lutheran Church (W3879 Cty. Rd. D) on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 12:30 to 1:30pm. Please bring your ID and proof of address. Any questions call 608-782-6003 ext 3.
- The Wright Place Saloon, in Black River Falls, will be serving sack lunches Monday-Friday from March 18 - April 3 from 11am-4pm.
- Friends Sharing Food distributes perishable food weekly (one distribution per household). Open every Monday at Gebhardt School from 3:00 – 5:00 pm or until gone. Current drive-through option, do not bring your own containers and make sure there is space to put food in your vehicle. 715-284-5598
- Neighborhood Food Pantry sites in Brockway, Hixton, Merrilan, Alma Center, and Humbird distribute perishables and non-perishables to Jackson county residents. No income guidelines. 715-284-825
- Burger King (beginning Monday, March 23 through April 6) will be offering up to 2 free kids meals with the purchase of a value meal through the Burger King app.

Supplemental Academic Activities:

- Black River Falls Public Library has several digital services including Libby (eBooks and audiobooks), Gale Courses, and Mano Language Courses. You will need a current Winding Rivers Library System library card to access these services.

Miscellaneous Help:

- Helpers of Jackson County is dedicated to helping and protecting those who cannot help themselves in times of emergency.
 - Beth 715-896-1132
 - Mackenzie 715-896-5954
 - Brittany 715-896-8557
 - Interfaith Volunteer 715-284-7058
 - Facebook page: Helpers of Jackson County
- [211](#) connects you with nonprofit and government services in your area
 - Call 211 or 1-877-947-2211
- [Western Dairyland](#) offers more than 20 unique programs providing short and long-term opportunities for low-income families and individuals. 1-800-782-1063
- Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services 715-284-4301
- Children's Wisconsin Parenting Warmline: 715-284-3001 ext. 2
 - Call for help with parenting questions or navigating the new online schooling world.