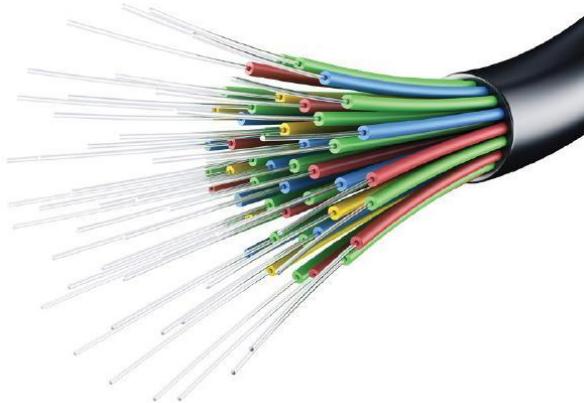


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Amid the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, Service Electric Cable TV & Communications is proud to be taking part in the Keep Americans Connected Pledge to help ensure connectivity to our valued customers, as first proposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in March.

Service Electric is extending our commitment until June 30, 2020 and pledges to:

- Not terminate service to any residential or small business due to the inability to pay their bill. *
- Waive late fees that residential or small business customers incur because of economic circumstance related to the coronavirus pandemic. *
- Open its Wi-Fi hotspots to everyone.
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Please contact a Customer Service Representative at 800-232-9100 for additional information or assistance. "We understand the financial hardships related to COVID-19 continue to affect our local community and loyal subscribers," said John M. Walson, President of Service Electric Cable TV & Communications. "We're extending our pledge because we know how important reliable service and connectivity is during this time. We will get through this together." – **SECTV news release**

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The GPS signals our phones use to determine our location or help us in traffic are also an important part of our national defense. And the Defense Department fears some of the latest 5G technology approved by the FCC could interfere with it.

Oklahoma Republican Sen. Jim Inhofe says the signal is in danger after the FCC decision allowing the wireless company Ligado to operate a low power nationwide 5G network on the same spectrum used for GPS. "A few powerful people made a hasty decision over the weekend in the middle of the national crisis, against the judgement of every other agency involved," says Inhofe.

Dana Deasy, the Defense Department's Chief Information Officer, says if the FCC doesn't reverse its decision, the entire military is at risk. "The FCC decision will impact war fighter exercises, testing, training, and homeland defense," says Deasy. Ligado says their system would not interfere with GPS because of an unused band separating the two. Still, Pentagon officials say they aren't satisfied. A spokesperson with the FCC called the push back "baseless fear mongering" and said the decision was bipartisan and "based on sound engineering principles." — ***Nexstar Broadcasting***

The habits of TV viewers over the past two months have been altered because people are spending more time at home due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to a new [report](#) from Comcast.

The most obvious change is in the number of hours spent watching TV, the nation's largest cable TV provider noted. Since early March, viewership has surged eight hours a week per household, from 57 hours a week to 66 hours, comprising an extra workday's worth of content. Consumption of streaming and web video has jumped 35% across Comcast's entire broadband network.

But it's not only the increase in viewing hours that's changed. It's also viewing habits and the type of TV programming that has changed as well. "We are seeing new behaviors we haven't seen before, e.g., shifts in daily viewing patterns, changes in when programming is being watched and ways content is being accessed," the company said in its report.

The people who are fortunate to still hold 9-5 jobs and can work from home can still distinguish between the work week and the weekend, however even for them, the pandemic is causing many to lose track of what day it is. Whereas weekends used to see the largest amount of TV consumption, that is no longer the case, Comcast said. "COVID-19 is blurring weekday and weekend viewing levels and habits; Monday is a more popular viewing day than Saturday," Comcast said. "What our customers are likely feeling in self-isolation—that all the days are blurring together and it's hard to tell which day is which—is reflected in daily TV trends we observed."

What they're watching and when is also changing. Not surprisingly, [viewers are watching a lot more news](#) — viewing has jumped 64% since the start of the pandemic two months ago, peaking during the last week of March when the number of global Covid-19 cases topped 1 million. News consumption has leveled off, with viewing down 30% since then.

Beyond news, the type of fare hasn't changed all that much. Comcast said interest in dramas—typically the most popular genre in normal times—increased from 27% to 30%, followed by news (29%), comedy (28%), reality (15%) and action and adventure (15%). We're also watching later at night. Comcast has seen a 40% upswing in viewing during the late-night hours, with the largest increases happening between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Early morning viewing between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. has dropped 6%.

DVR usage is down but VOD consumption has jumped 50% over the past two months. Viewers are also looking for new content—Comcast said it has seen

double-digit growth in discovery related voice commands such as "what to watch" and "surprise me." – **TV Technology**

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