

As some people transition to working from home, one of the challenges we keep getting reports on is a lack of internet access, especially in rural areas. There are two options that we are aware of to bridge this gap:

1. Cellular WiFi Hotspots. Both AT&T and Verizon have Cellular Hotspots. UF Contract price on the service is approximately \$40 a month. Verizon will provide the modem for free, AT&T charges \$150 for the hotspot. Unfortunately, both providers are currently back ordered, but expect to be able to deliver devices within 3 weeks. Here's the respective contact info:

AT&T
Joe Pazzelli
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(407) 403-2334

Verizon
John Ivey
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(904) 891-5884

More information on these contracts can be found at the UF Procurement web-site, <https://procurement.ufl.edu/contracts/cell-phones-and-wireless-communication-devices/>

2. Cellular Tethering. Cellular tethering allows an individual to use their existing cell phone as a WiFi hotspot. Currently, the major carriers (AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon) have suspended data caps on cell phone usage for the next 60 days and cellular tethering may be an option. Due to the large differences in cell phones and carriers, individuals will need to work with their cellular provider to take advantage of this function. More information on Cellular Tethering can be found at:

<https://www.howtogeek.com/170302/the-htg-guide-to-tethering-your-android-phone/>

My best,
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