



Video Conference Platform Comparison



an unofficial guide put together by Mellow Parenting based on our experience of working from home



Zoom

Most common, most features, pretty easy to use. Security no longer a concern

zoom.us



Microsoft Teams

A trusted brand with many features but oddly frustrating to use

microsoft.com/en-gb/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software



Google Meet

Works great. Simple and straight-forward, but has less features

meet.google.com

Webex Meetings



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Great features/control, but can be difficult to use for less technical people

webex.com/content/webex/c/en_US/index/downloads.html

facebook



Facebook Rooms

Lacks professional features, good for large social calls

messenger.com/rooms

WhatsApp



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Only good for small groups with basic functionality. Video encrypted

whatsapp.com

General

	Zoom	Microsoft Teams	Google Meet	WebEx Meetings	Facebook Rooms	WhatsApp
Access						
Who Needs Account	Host	Host	Everyone (GSuite: Host only)	Host	Host	Everyone
Max Users	50 (Paid: 100+)	300	100	100	50	8
Max Time	40 min (Paid: 24 hours)	Unlimited	24 hours (until Sep 30)	50	Unlimited	Unlimited
Schedule Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Communication

Max Users on Screen	: 4, : 49	: 4, : 9, : 1	: 4, : 16	: 4, : 25	: 8, : 50	: 8
Chat	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Break Out Sessions	✓					
Screen Share	✓	✓	✓	✓	Desktop app only	
Whiteboard	✓	✓	w/ extension	✓		
File Share	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mute Users	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Reactions	✓	✓	w/ extension		✓	

Accessibility

Record Meeting	✓	✓	GSuite only	✓		
Closed Captions		✓	✓	Transcribe		
Phone Dial-In	✓	✓	GSuite host	Paid		

Security

Waiting Room	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Lock Meeting	✓			✓	✓	
Password	✓			✓		
Link Invitation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Invite Only
Remove Users	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Who Can Record	Host (can allow)	Office internal users	GSuite internal users	Host		
End-to-End Encryption	✓ (July)	Transit	Transit	Can be enabled	Transit	✓