

Hi Leaders -

Check if anyone in your group already can set it up for you:

To move a group online my first recommendation would be to contact your group and see if there is already someone in the group with experience using an video meeting platform. If there is someone, have them in charge of setting up the online meeting time with the platform they are already familiar with. If not, here are a few options I'd recommend.

For Facebook:

- Facebook group video chat is an easy way for people to have a group video call for folks who are already on Facebook and familiar with it.

- It will allow a group up to 50. Groups of 6 or less you will see everyone's face at the same time. Larger groups you will just see the picture of whoever is speaking.

- If you are on a computer with a camera (laptops are great for this) you simply open messenger (the icon is on the far left of the screen). Then select the person you want to first call. Then hit the camera icon in the top right.

- Once the person answers, by hovering your mouse over the video there will be an icon to add people. Simply add whoever you want to the conversation.

- Once you have had the group video, the group should be saved so you can call the whole group at once in the future.

- If someone is using a phone they will need to have the Facebook Messenger app on their phone. This is a separate app from the Facebook app itself.

- Once in the Messenger App on the phone its very similar. Select the person, hit the video call icon, add people as you want.

For Zoom:

- Go to Zoom.us and create an account.

- Go to 'Resources' and 'Download Zoom Client'

- Download Zoom Client for Meetings

- You will then be able to set up a meeting, email the meeting link to your people. When they follow they link they will be directed to download Zoom themselves and then go straight to your meeting.

- The free account allows 40 minute calls. You can always just hang you and call right back. If you find yourself where you need a paid account and no one in your group already has one for work, email tim.k@hcbellingham.com

For offline groups

- Another option if internet connection is a problem for your group is a conference call over your phones. One of your group members who has internet can go to Freeconferencecall.com and set up a number for everyone to call into.