

Zoom Warning

Dear Stanford Earth,

All – although as a conferencing platform Zoom has been working well for us, I wanted to share some caveats. Reports are beginning to circulate of Zoom abuse (not necessarily yet at Stanford) where unintended participants join Zoom meetings and either simply lurk -or some then behave badly, screen-share inappropriate things etc.

To mitigate this possibility the following steps may be taken when creating new Zoom meetings or reconfiguring existing Zoom meetings:

- “Require meeting password” to mitigate lurkers (and info leakage)
- Disable “Join Before Host” so people can’t cause trouble before you arrive.
- Enabling “Co-Host” so you can assign others to help moderate.
- Disable “File Transfer” so there’s no digital virus sharing.
- Disable “Allow Removed Participants to Rejoin” so booted attendees can’t slip back in.

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