Zoom is a tool of choice for everyone to stay connected during social distancing, and not just at Ohio State. You’ve likely heard stories from national and global news outlets related to security concerns, and with so many users on Zoom right now, it’s no surprise hackers are taking advantage of the situation.

Between spring and summer semesters, ODEE will be making a few changes to the default settings within Zoom to better protect our students, faculty and staff. These settings were carefully chosen to ensure security while maintaining the usability of Zoom.

**On Tuesday, May 5, between 5 and 8 p.m., the following changes will be made to the default meeting settings in CarmenZoom:**

1. Meetings will require a password by default. These passwords will be embedded in the meeting URL by default.
2. Annotations will not be available to participants by default.
3. The ability to join a meeting before the host or alternate host joins will be disabled.
4. Participants will not be able to change their names by default.
5. Recorded meetings will remain in the Zoom cloud for 270 days (increased from 180).

For more information on the upcoming changes, please see:

https://it.osu.edu/news/2020/04/30/changes-coming-zoom-default-settings-increase-security

As an additional reminder, please also make sure you are signed in to the Zoom client before attempting to create or join sessions, or share content. Existing directions for signing in can be found [here](https://it.osu.edu/news/2020/04/30/changes-coming-zoom-default-settings-increase-security).

For IT support, please continue to reach out to the [IT Service Desk](https://it.osu.edu/service-desk).

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