

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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SUBJECT: Securing Zoom Sessions

The use of Zoom can bring some unintended experiences for both faculty and students as the College learns more about a new term: Zoom bombing. This term refers to a form of cyber harassment where Zoom sessions can be disrupted by hackers who take control of your screen to display inappropriate visual and auditory behaviors and content. There are several strategies that can be used during meeting set-up and in a live virtual meeting to stop Zoom bombing.

When setting up a meeting:

- Require registration
- Use a random meeting ID
- Password protect the classroom
- Use the Waiting Room feature

During a live session:

- Lock your virtual classroom
- Control screen sharing
- Lock down the chat
- Remove a participant

This six-minute video link illustrates how to prevent Zoom bombing:

[Securing Your Meetings and Virtual Classrooms](#)

On another note, we have learned Zoom will be keeping its 40-minute limit on each session for higher education, so please plan accordingly.

The College has also secured the use of Blackboard Collaborate Ultra as another alternative for the delivery of synchronous learning. This tool can be found in the Control Panel within Blackboard.

Thanks to all for your patience as we move through these trying times.