

## Free Virtual Group Meeting Platforms

	<u>Zoom</u>	<u>Skype</u>	<u>Google Hangouts</u>	<u>FaceTime Call</u>
<b>Features:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Max Participants: 300</li> <li>● Screen Sharing</li> <li>● Recording Capability</li> <li>● IM Chat in meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Max Participants: 20</li> <li>● Screen Sharing</li> <li>● Recording Capability</li> <li>● IM chat in meeting</li> <li>● Background Blur (if you don't want people to see what needs to be cleaned up behind you)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Max participants: 25</li> <li>● Automatic focus</li> <li>● Screen sharing</li> <li>● Intelligent Muting</li> <li>● Share options in call</li> <li>● IM chat capability</li> <li>● Recording Capability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Max Participants: 32</li> <li>● Works on most Apple devices</li> <li>● Record video calls</li> <li>● Transfer video calls from computer to phone mid-call</li> </ul>
<b>Pros:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>● Works with all OS</li> <li>● Free signup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>● Works with all OS</li> <li>● No signup</li> <li>● No downloads</li> <li>● Join meeting via shared link</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Integrated with Google ecosystem.</li> <li>● Mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>● Works on most OS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Apple mobile and desktop capabilities</li> <li>● FaceTime call from group message conversation</li> <li>● No signup</li> </ul>
<b>Cons:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The free version only allows for 40 minute meeting duration for 3 participants or more.</li> <li>● No toll-free dial-in numbers</li> <li>● Need to download plugin prior to use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Small participant max</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Need a Google account to access (free account creation available)</li> <li>● Does not work well with non-Chrome web browsers</li> <li>● No recording capability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No IM chat during call. Done through messages</li> <li>● No screen sharing</li> <li>● Only works on Apple devices</li> </ul>
<b>Conclusion:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Best option for larger groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Easiest setup option for smaller groups with various Mobile and PC operating systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Best option for those familiar with Google</li> <li>● Probably the worst option for most groups</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Best option for groups who already have an iPhone group conversation going with blue text bubbles</li> </ul>

For additional information regarding features, system requirements, and more, refer to the following [site](#).

