

Remote Learning

Assessment of Tools for Synchronous Learning

TOOL NAME	FEATURES	ACCESSIBILITY	NOTES UPON TESTING
<p>Cisco Webex</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: free (option to upgrade) • Participants: up to 100 participants • Duration: no time limit • QA Forum: polling, and Raise Hand features • Recording: download as a MP4 if using the desktop application • Personalized link for virtual conference space • Capable of screen sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with account through web browser or application • Join via applications, website link, or telephone with conference ID • Mobile friendly (smartphone, tablet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both host and participant can start or join meeting through web or application • If host has Webex application downloaded, recording easily saved as MP4. If through web, saving recording on Cloud requires pay for upgrade of account
<p>Jitsi Meet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: free • Participants: up to 75 participants • Duration: no time limit • QA Forum: participant raise hand • Recording: needs to link to Dropbox account to store recording • Capable of screen sharing • Does not require account to host • Fully encrypted, 100% open source • Personalized link for virtual conference space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start or join on through web browser or application • Can also join via telephone • Mobile friendly (smartphone, tablet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very easy to start and join meeting as it does not require an account • Works best with Chrome • Recording saved through dropbox account, which may have file size restriction

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<p>Zoom VCH Healthcare Account</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: free for VCH staff • Participants: up to 500 participants • Duration: no time limit • QA Forum: none • Recording: none <p>vancouvercoastalhealth.zoom.us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with account through Zoom Web or Application • Join via application, website link, or telephone with access code • Mobile friendly (smartphone, tablet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For joining, participants need to sign up for an account or have downloaded Zoom Application – could be an issue with VCH workstations VCH workstations should have the desktop application already installed • For issues, connect with the Service Desk
<p>Skype for Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: free • Participants: up to 50 participants • Duration: no time limit • QA Forum: none • Recording: none <p>https://www.skype.com/en/features/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with account through Skype for Business Application • Join via application, website link, or telephone with conference ID • Mobile friendly (smartphone, tablet) 	
<p>ezTalks Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: free (option to upgrade) • Participants: up to 100 participants • Duration: 40 min limit on group meetings • QA Forum: none • Recording: record and download as MP4 file • Screen sharing and interactive whiteboard • Vote & poll feature <p>https://www.eztalks.com/meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with account through web browser or application • Join via applications, website link, or telephone call-in • Mobile friendly (smartphone, tablet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encountered issue upon logging in • Requires desktop application

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<p>Global Meet</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: free (option to upgrade) • Participants: up to 125 participants • Duration: no limit to meeting time • QA Forum: none • Recording: recording stored in cloud, access through link • Capable of screen sharing <p>https://www.pgi.ca/solutions/meetings-conferencing/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with account through web browser or application • Join via applications, website link, or telephone call-in • Mobile friendly (smartphone, tablet) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Canadian dial-in number • Screenshare not working well for host • Require Chrome or Firefox to join call

Video Conferencing Tools

TOOL NAME	DETAILS	ACCESSIBILITY	NOTES UPON TESTING
Mentimeter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: Free (with option to pay for more features) • Participants: Unlimited audience size • Explore data in PDF or excel for documentation and sharing with audience <p>https://www.mentimeter.com/features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up with account through website, create event and question • Respond by going to www.menti.com with code • Mobile friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displays well • Currently in use at VCH
Slido	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: Free (with option to pay for more features) – special rate for educators • Participants: Up to 500 participants • Participants can up-vote questions to allow speaker address popular questions <p>https://www.sli.do/features-questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up with account through website, create event and question • Respond by going to slido.com with code • Mobile friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to Mentimeter • Better for voting or word cloud instead of Q&A
Poll Everywhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost: Free (with option to upgrade) • Participants: Up to 25 participants • Participants can up-vote or down-vote questions • Export data and screenshots to share <p>https://www.polleverywhere.com/how-it-works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set-up with account through website, create question • Respond via browser, SMS or application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No testing done due to limit on the number of participants