**Using Zoom and FERPA implications**

As institutions across the country move to using Zoom for remote instruction and meetings, multiple instances of “Zoombombing” have occurred, exposing those in the meeting to pornographic images, degrading slurs, and inappropriate content. These instances also expose protected student educational data to outside entities. The fact that any given student is enrolled in a particular course is FERPA-protected and non-authenticated access to Zoom courses compromises this privacy protection.

OSU strives to mitigate these attempts to disrupt learning by requiring instructors, students, and staff to use OSU’s Zoom license, requiring participants to log-in through an authenticated environment. However, if a Zoom meeting lacks appropriate security settings, there is a risk of someone not enrolled in the course entering the Zoom environment. This presents risk of a breach of information to enrolled students’ educational data. FERPA protects the privacy of student records. For more information on FERPA, please see the Office of the Registrar’s [FERPA](https://registrar.oregonstate.edu/ferpa) site. If you believe your information has been breached during remote instruction, please report it [here](https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cHkCCaZ5BzX6NVz).