

Zoom Updates: Version 5.4.9 & 5.5.2

Feature	Older versions of Zoom	Version 5.4.9 & Version 5.5.0
Waiting Room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host cannot admit participants from the waiting room while in a breakout room 	<p>(Version 5.4.9 or later)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host can admit participants from the waiting room while they are in a breakout room
Alternative host	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If an alternative host starts the session, they remain the “host” even after the original host joins the session - The original host that joins after the alternative host will have the role “Co-host” 	<p>(Version 5.5.0 or later)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The original host will be given the role “Host” even if they join the session after the alternative host <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The alternative hosts will have their roles automatically switched from “Host” to “Co-host” o Both/either the host or alternative host has to be on version 5.5.0 or later for this to work
Non-verbal Feedback / Reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-verbal feedback (“yes”, “no”, “speed up”, “slow down”) are automatically removed after 10 seconds - Emoji reactions (wave, thumbs up, faces, heart, party) are automatically removed after 10 second - “Raise hand” feature stays up permanently until removed by the participants themselves or the host 	<p>(Version 5.5.0 or later)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-verbal feedback (“yes”, “no”, “speed up”, “slow down”) now stay up permanently until removed by the participants themselves or the host <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o If users are not on version 5.5.0 or later, their non-verbal feedback will be removed after 10 seconds o If users are not on version 5.5.0 or later, non-verbal feedback used by other participants will appear to be removed after 10 seconds on their screen
Virtual Backgrounds		<p>(Version 5.5.0 or later)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added the Virtual Background “Blur”

Note: Some features may require the participants (e.g., students) to also be on the newer version of Zoom in order for it to work.