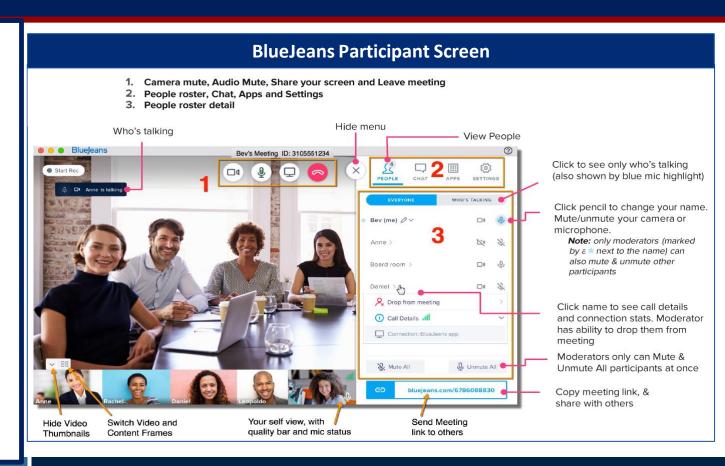
Welcome to our virtual waiting room!

While you wait for the session to start, please take time to:

- Mute yourself audio and video
 - ▶ 1 in the picture
- 2. Visit the chat window
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- Check your name- update if incorrect
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 - We are using these names to track attendance







Leading others:

Managing a team where some or all employees are remote



More employees are working from home than ever before

- ➤ In June, 2020 **42%** of the US workforce was working from home.
- Experts estimate that the share of the workforce who work from home at least one day a week will increase by a **factor of 5** post-pandemic.
- For those working onsite, social distancing and collaborating remotely with colleagues have transformed the workplace experience.



Benefits of virtual teams



- ✓ Increase in employee retention
- ✓ Increase in productivity
- √ Happy employees
- ✓ Continuity during a crisis

Challenges of managing a virtual or hybrid team



Communication

- Virtual communication modes vary in "bandwidth".
- Remote communication can distort the normal pace of conversations.
 - Remote and on-site workers rate "interruptions/ being talked over" as the biggest challenge in hybrid meetings.
- So. Many. Meetings.
 - The number of meetings increased by 13% since the start of COVID.

Challenges of managing a virtual or hybrid team



Communication

Productivity

- Research shows that
 - Managers who cannot "see" their direct reports can lack confidence that their employees are indeed working.

And yet...

- Remote working increases productivity by 15%.
- Employees overwork to prove themselves.

Challenges of managing a virtual or hybrid team



Communication

Productivity

Trust

- ► In high-trust environments, employees report:
 - 74% less stress.
 - 50% higher productivity,
 - 76% more engagement

However...

- Virtual collaboration can obscure intent.
- A blended team can result in an "us vs. them" mentality

► Reaffirm your team norms

- Norms are a set of rules or guidelines designed to shape the interactions of its team members
- They help to:
 - Guide the behavior of team members
 - Assess how well team members are interacting
 - Add objectivity to discussions about behavior

Establishing Team Norms



Every meeting has a purpose, an agenda and cannot be a "this could be handled over email" meeting

We maintain a positive attitude despite, and during, adversity

We will give equal regard to remote and co-located team members by sharing information where all can access it

- ► Reaffirm your team norms
- Define communication protocols
 - What are expectations for the frequency, means, and ideal timing of communication?
 - Who needs to be included on what types of communications?
 - Strive to be both brief and clear



When to Use Asynchronous vs. Synchronous Communication in Remote Teams

Asynchronous

(email, message boards, dashboards, etc.)







Synchronous

(video conferencing, chat, audio calls, etc.)







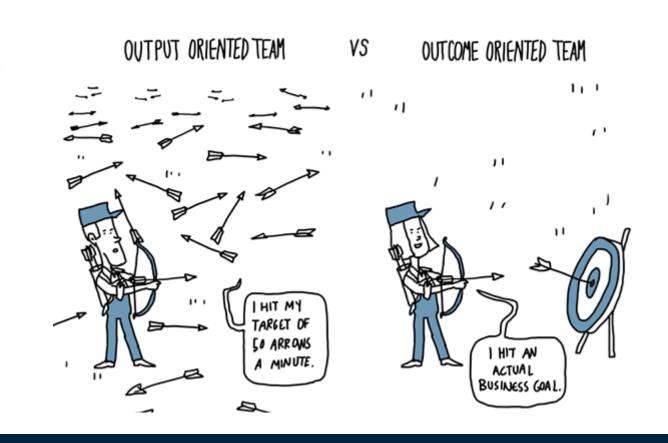
- Company or team announcements
- · High-level planning discussions
- · One-directional feedback
- To create documentation

- · Collaborative meetings
- Brainstorm sessions
- · Performance reviews
- · 1:1 check-in meetings
- Team building activities or other socializing

- ► Reaffirm your team norms
- Define communication protocols
- Focus on the outcomes
 - Specify "what" not "how"
 - Establish SMART goals
 - Reevaluate priorities as needed



Managing Priorities in Uncertain
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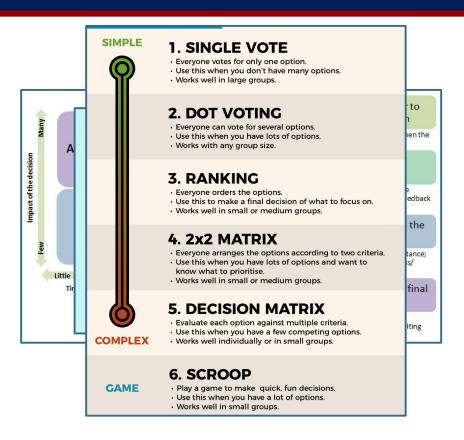


Tips for leading virtual or hybrid teams: FOSTER TRANSPARENCY

Clarify the decision-making process

- Method may change depending on context, timing, stakeholders.
- Technique is important; communication about what method and why is critical.





Tips for leading virtual or hybrid teams: FOSTER TRANSPARENCY

- Clarify the decision-making process
- Confirm roles and responsibilities

Guide to Establishing and Achieving a Shared Goal



R Responsible

A Accountable /Authorize

C Consult

I Inform

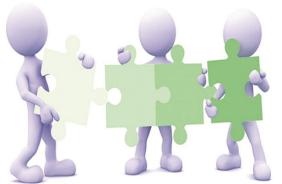


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Decide on what to do with ring	С	I	A	С	R
Create Fellowship	R	С	A	С	R
Get the ring to Mount Doom	R	С	A	С	I
Distract and defeat enemies	I	R	С	R	I

Tips for leading virtual or hybrid teams: FOSTER TRANSPARENCY

- Clarify the decision-making process
- Confirm roles and responsibilities
- ► Facilitate awareness in your team
 - Provide opportunities for teamwork
 - Highlight and encourage the contributions of individuals
 - Celebrate accomplishments and achievement of milestones
 - Use real-time feedback to ensure your team feels recognized
 - Pathway: I want to promote a more feedback rich environment within my team
 - Consider using MS Teams Planner





Tips for leading virtual or hybrid teams: **ENCOURAGE INCLUSION**

Until our work environment looks like this....



Tips for leading virtual or hybrid teams: ENCOURAGE INCLUSION

► We will need to work hard to ensure all employees feel a sense of belonging



► In an inclusive culture:

- Everyone treats everyone else with respect.
- Managers appreciate the unique characteristics of everyone on their teams.
- Leaders do what's right.



Model inclusion

- Share personal weaknesses
- Acknowledge team members as individuals
- Solicit diverse opinions
- Endorse "Hybrid-Friendly" practices:
 - Meetings have dual locations
 - Information is kept in a central repository



<u>Leading with Emotional Intelligence:</u> Emotions Matter

Questions? Comments?

Penn Medicine Resources

- PennCOBALT a tool for the Penn Community that uses targeted assessments to direct you to the right level of coping support.
- PennMedicineTogether COVID-19 is triggering complex emotions, anxiety and fear. PennMedicineTogether offers resources and strategies to help people cope, which we all do differently.
- Lead Strong Live discussions and curated resources for Penn Medicine employees around leading yourself and your team during adversity.

- ► Penn Medicine Academy:
 - <u>Leadership Pathway: I want to</u> <u>lead my virtual team</u> <u>successfully</u>
 - Planning for and Conducting a Stay Interview

Articles

- New Working at Home Economy (Stanford)
- How to Actually
 Encourage Employee

 Accountability (HBR)
- Productivity Gains During COVID-19 (BCG)
- Understanding and Managing Remote Workers (Gallup)

LinkedIn Learning

- Building Relationships
 While Working From
 Home
- Managing Remote Teams:
 Setting Expectations,
 Behaviors and Habits
- Leading Virtually:

 Vulnerability and
 Presence When Working
 from Home
- Self-Awareness, Authenticity and Leadership