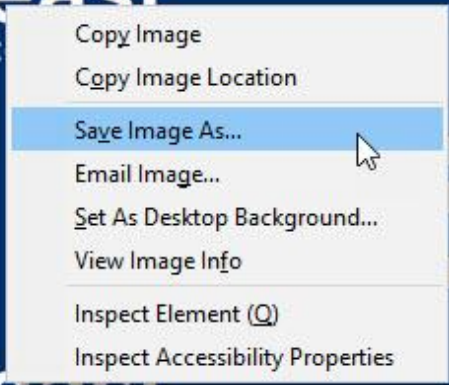# Zoom Virtual Backgrounds

Employees are encouraged to use the College-branded virtual backgrounds while conducting College business in a virtual space (e.g., Zoom). The backgrounds are available on the Hub (**Documents box, SCC-ZoomBG 1-8**):

Click below- Download Instructions available
on the next page...
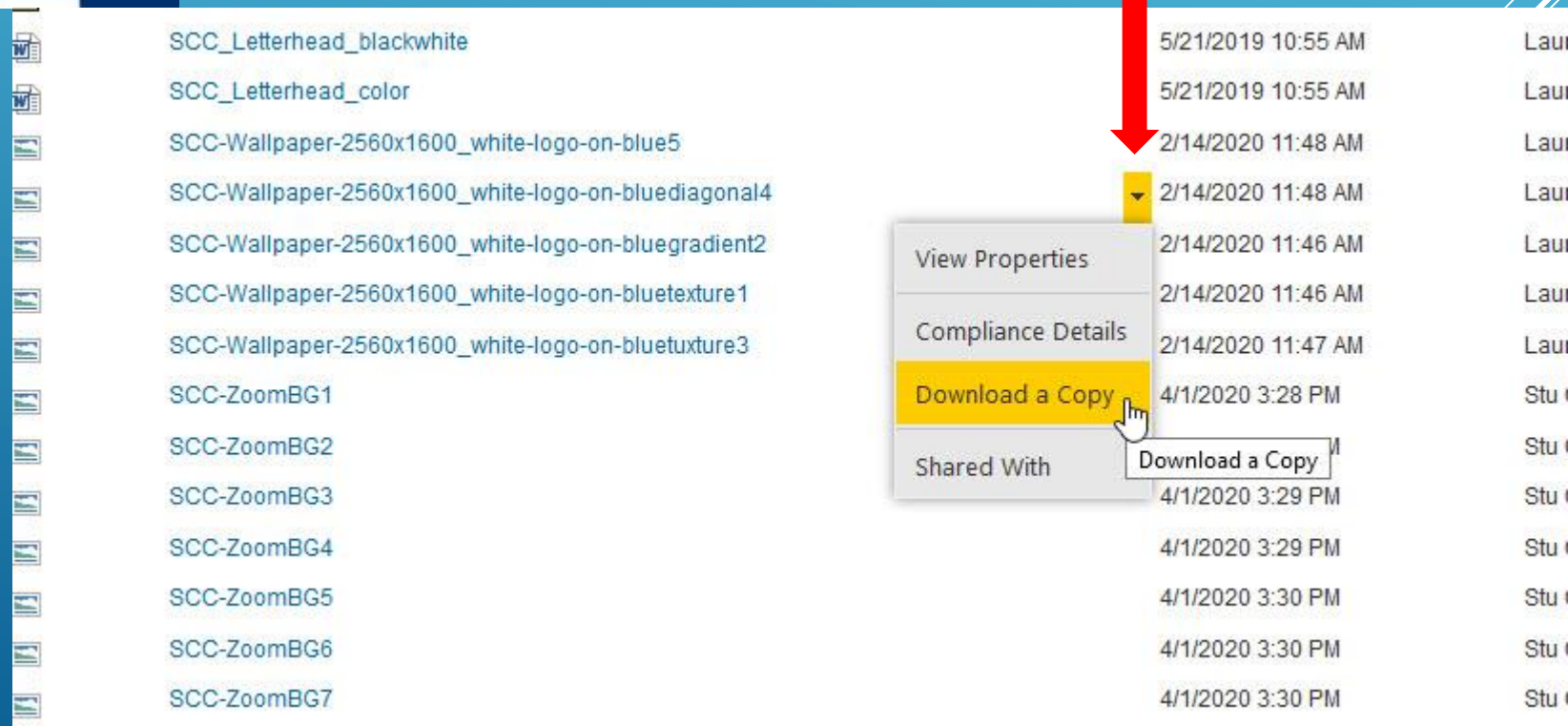
Hub Employee Services - PI/Marketing/Print Shop Page

TO DOWNLOAD A BACKGROUND
From Hub Link Location

1. Right Click > Save Image As > Choose File location
(EASIEST OPTION)

OR

2. Hover over with Cursor, Click on Yellow Down arrow > Select "Download a Copy" > Extract and view from Download folder
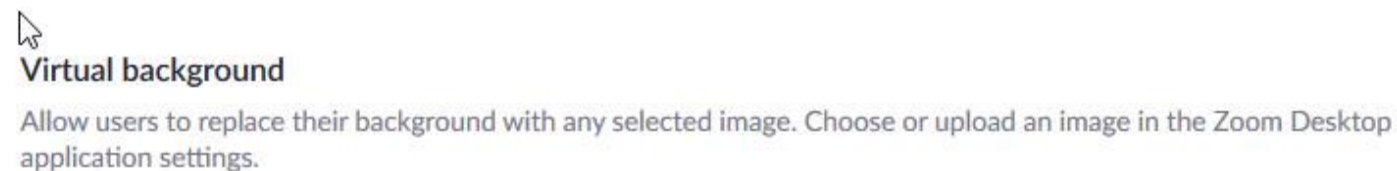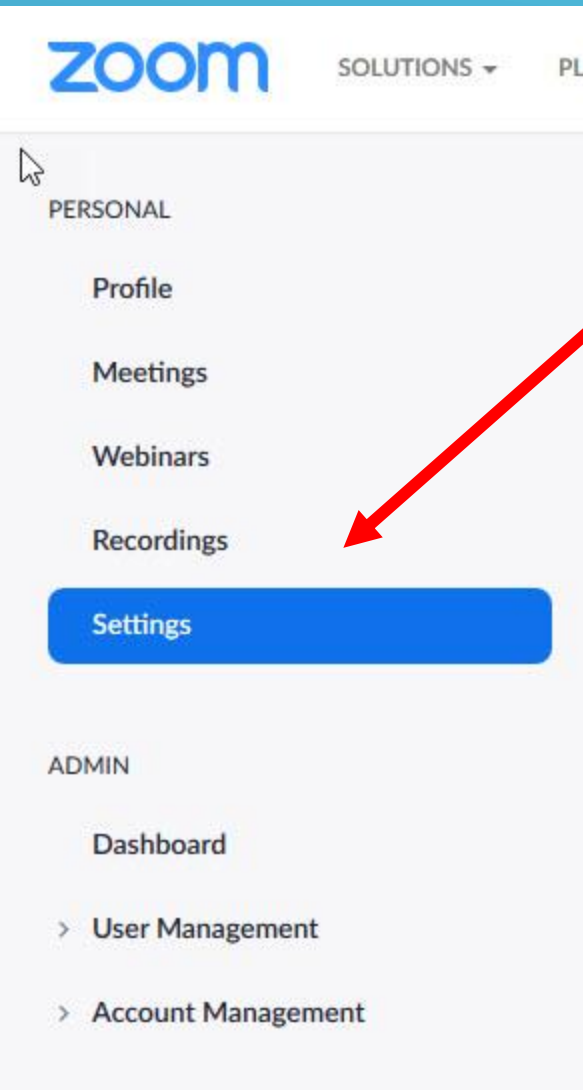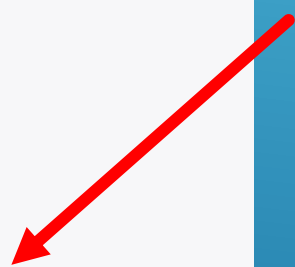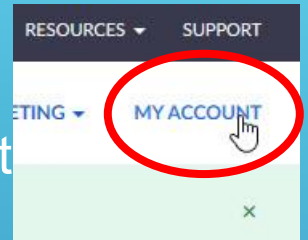
Remember where you save your background image so you can locate it later on from the Zoom Virtual Background Selection screen!

Copy Image
Copy Image Location
Save Image As...
Email Image...
Set As Desktop Background...
View Image Info
Inspect Element (Q)
Inspect Accessibility Properties

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View Properties
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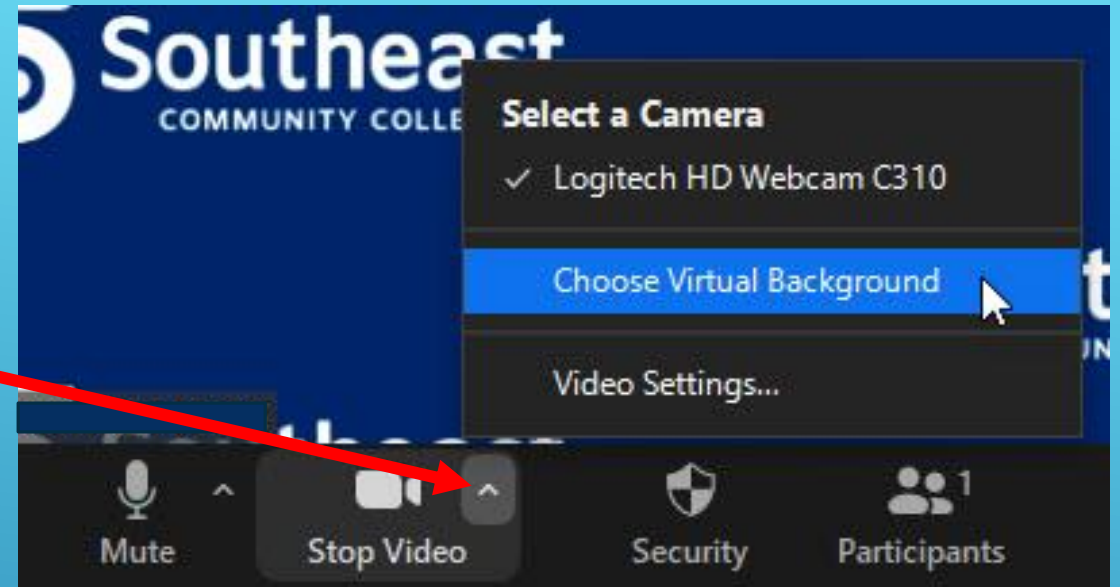Download a Copy
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Enabling and activating Virtual Backgrounds in Zoom

This setting **MUST be enabled** to use Virtual Backgrounds

1. Sign in to your account at zoom.us

2. From the main page, click on "**My Account**" in the upper right

3. From the PERSONAL account options on the left, click **Settings**

4. Scroll down to Virtual Background and ensure that this option is turned **ON**

Virtual background

Allow users to replace their background with any selected image. Choose or upload an image in the Zoom Desktop application settings.

To activate the Virtual Background setting from within a meeting, click on the up arrow next to the **Camera** icon then select **Choose Virtual Background**
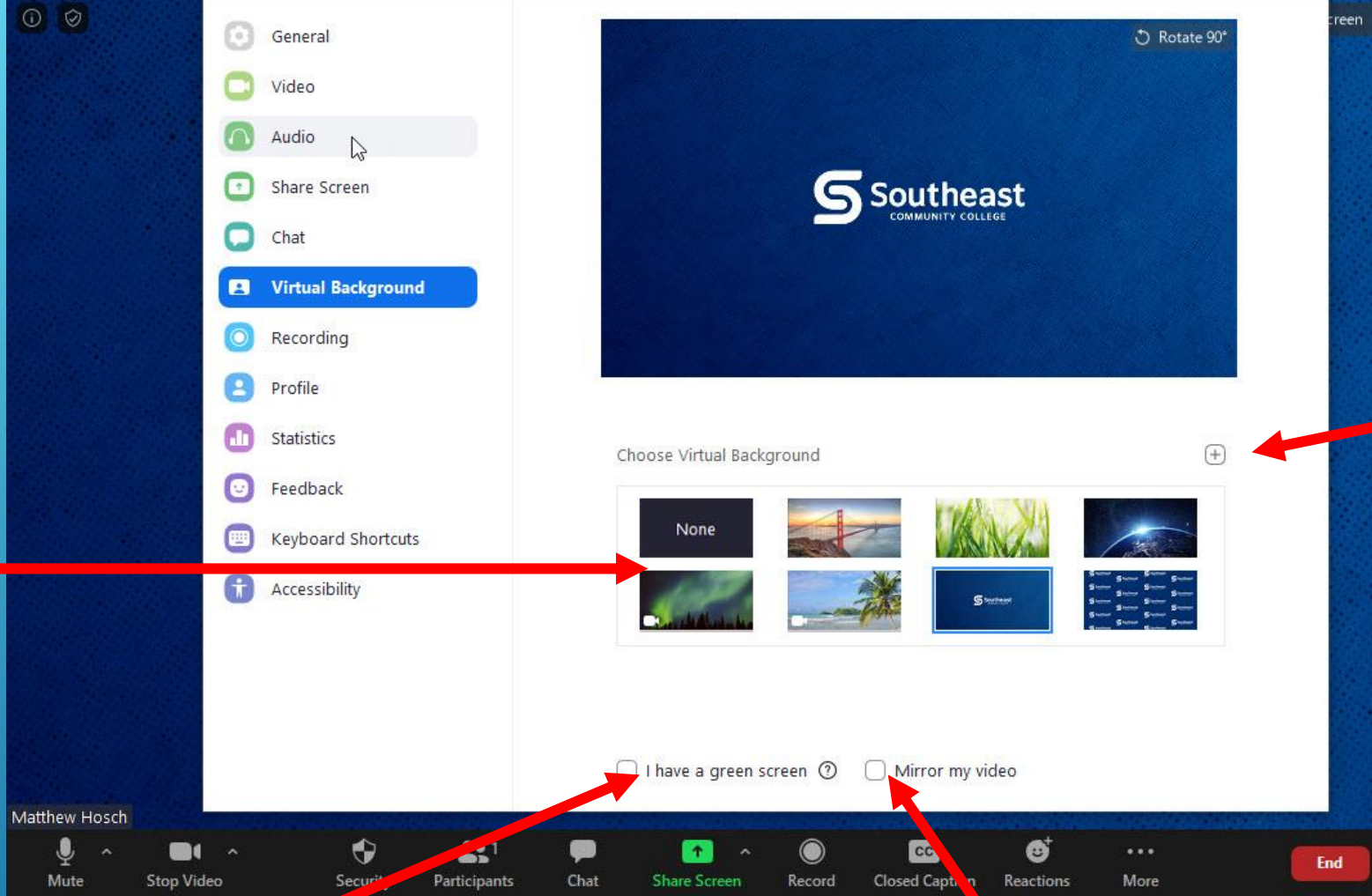

IMPORTANT NOTE

Not every computer will be able to use virtual backgrounds without a **physical Green Screen** set up behind the user!

Successfully using a Zoom Virtual Background without a physical **Green Screen** requires a level of processer and hardware that not every user will have available. If you do not have a computer capable of running **without** a Green Screen, you may find that using the virtual background feature is not practical.

Choosing your Virtual Background

From the virtual background selection screen, you have several options.

You can click on the background you would like to set under the Choose Virtual Background title from available choices

To choose or upload a different image, click HERE on the + icon!

General
Video
Audio
Share Screen
Chat
Virtual Background
Recording
Profile
Statistics
Feedback
Keyboard Shortcuts
Accessibility

Rotate 90°

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Choose Virtual Background

None

☐ I have a green screen ? ☐ Mirror my video

Matthew Hosch

Mute | Stop Video | Security | Participants | Chat | Share Screen | Record | Closed Caption | Reactions | More | End
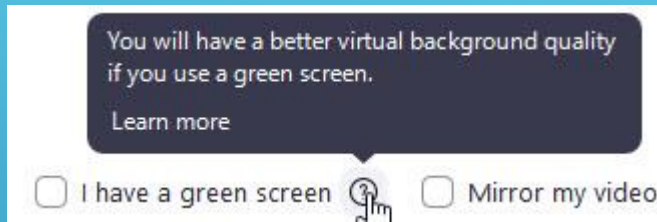
I have a green screen

This is the major technical concern when using virtual backgrounds. Please see next page for a more detailed overview.
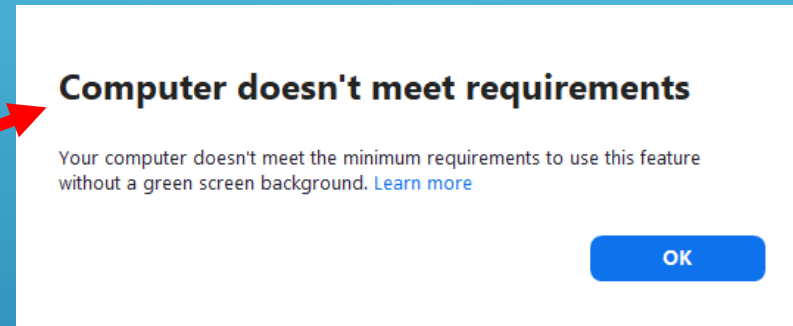
Mirror my Video

Zoom on standard settings automatically mirrors your screen. UNCHECK this if you have any text in your background so it does not appear BACKWARDS.

I have a green screen Checkbox

You will have a better virtual background quality if you use a green screen.

Learn more

☐ I have a green screen ⊙ ☐ Mirror my video

Leave this box unchecked. If you do not get an error message, your computer should handle your selected virtual background without a problem.

If you see that the box is checked, try to uncheck it. Zoom will immediately let you know if your computer cannot use a virtual background **without a Green Screen** with this message.

Computer doesn't meet requirements

Your computer doesn't meet the minimum requirements to use this feature without a green screen background. Learn more

OK

You can view a detailed list of Hardware prerequisites for PC's and Macs HERE but generally your choices are limited to purchasing or setting up a **physical Green Screen**, upgrading your hardware or **not using** Zoom Virtual Backgrounds.

Tips when using a physical Green Screen

Don't wear green! this can cause your clothing to become mixed with the virtual background

You'll need plenty of light. Quality lighting sources directed onto yourself and the screen will aid with contrast

Solid, light green color is best

Harsh, overly bright colors in your virtual background photo can cause pixilation on the edges. You will want to experiment with various color background to find one that minimizes this.

With some hardware, Zoom virtual backgrounds <u>will not </u>work very well without a Physical Green Screen!
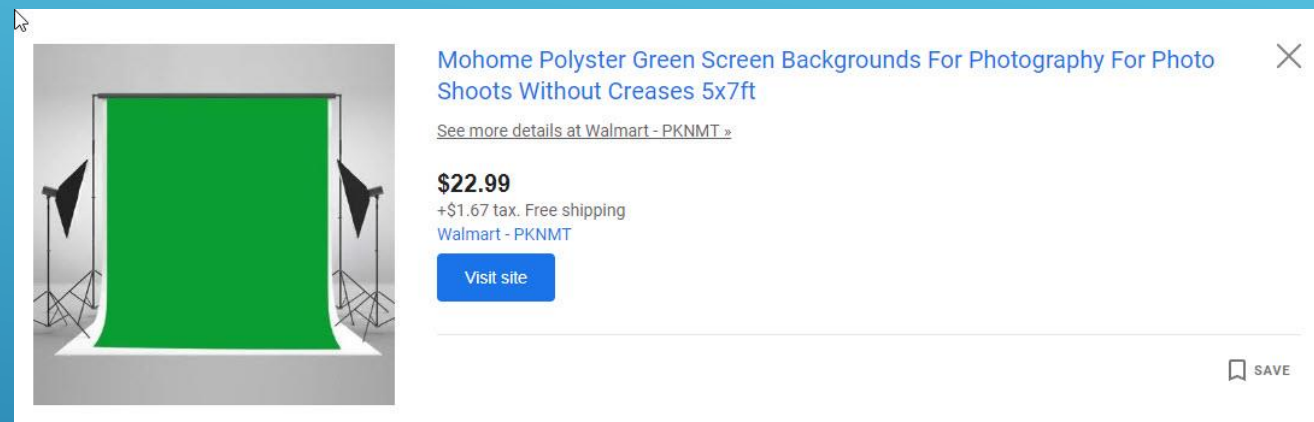
There are, however, some inexpensive options available!
Please note that even with a proper green screen, extra directed lighting may be necessary.
You will also have to check to see which backgrounds will work best, avoiding some
excessively bright or oddly textured images and, of course, some green clothing.

A typical example from Walmart.com:

Poor Zoom Virtual Background example

Mohome Polyster Green Screen Backgrounds For Photography For Photo Shoots Without Creases 5x7ft

See more details at Walmart - PKNMT »

$22.99
+$1.67 tax. Free shipping
Walmart - PKNMT

Visit site

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Poor Zoom Virtual Background example

A solid color video background is required. Green color is preferred.

SCC Help Desk

The SCC Help Desk is here for you. If you have questions regarding Zoom or any IT related matter, please contact us!

Call at: 402-437-2447

Email us at: helpdesk@southeast.edu

OR

Visit the Help Desk website at: https://helpdesk.southeast.edu/