

Ways to Stay Connected while Telecommuting

Staying Connected

- Assign remote workers mentors
- "Live" team meetings with Zoom or Skype
- Mix in more personal ways to communicate other than email
- One on one time with Management
- Say "hello" first thing in the morning (shows your online and ready for the day)
- Keep your schedule transparent
- Keep decision making inclusive

Articles

- "How to Work Remotely and Remain Connected"
- "Enabling Productive Remote Work: Expert Tips for Staying Connected and Engaged"
- "A Guide to Managing Your (Newly) Remote Workers"
- "How to Work from Home & Still be Productive"
- "10 Tips for Telecommuting Success"
- "If You Suddenly Work Remotely, Communication Matters More than Anything Else"

Fun team building activities while telecommuting

- Virtual Book club (Download free books from the New York Public Library)
- Words with Friends
- "Water-cooler" breaks take a few minutes to Skype and check on co-workers
- Team scavenger hunt
- Funny pet pictures
- Eat lunch together virtually
- Write a story in a group chat someone start with the first sentence to a story, then take turns adding sentences
- Take a team on a Virtual Tour of a famous museum or watch a Broadway play
- Virtual Craft party
- Complete a cross word puzzle or Sudoku together
- Share an uplifting quote or short story of the day
- Share news stories of unique ways people are helping each other
- Do a group project together (e.g. donate food for those in need can be ordered online and delivered)