



Accessible Entertaining: Let's Gather Together

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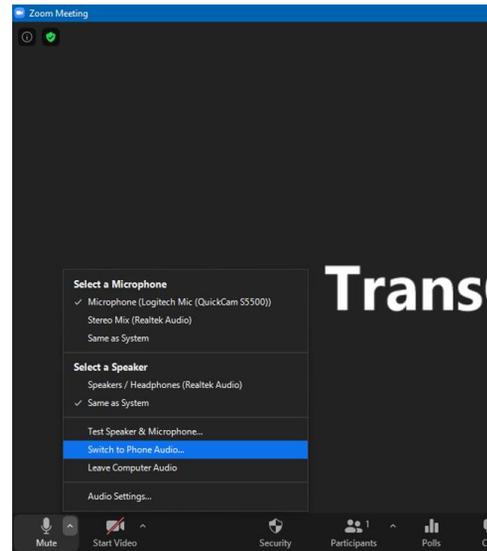


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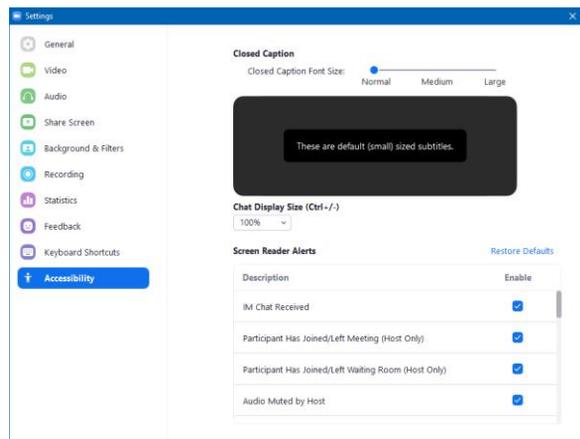


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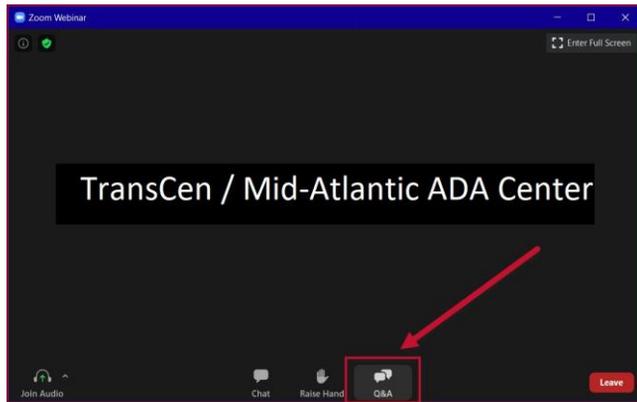
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ADA National Network

- Ten regional centers provide guidance, training, and materials on the ADA

- **1-800-949-4232**

- ADAta.org



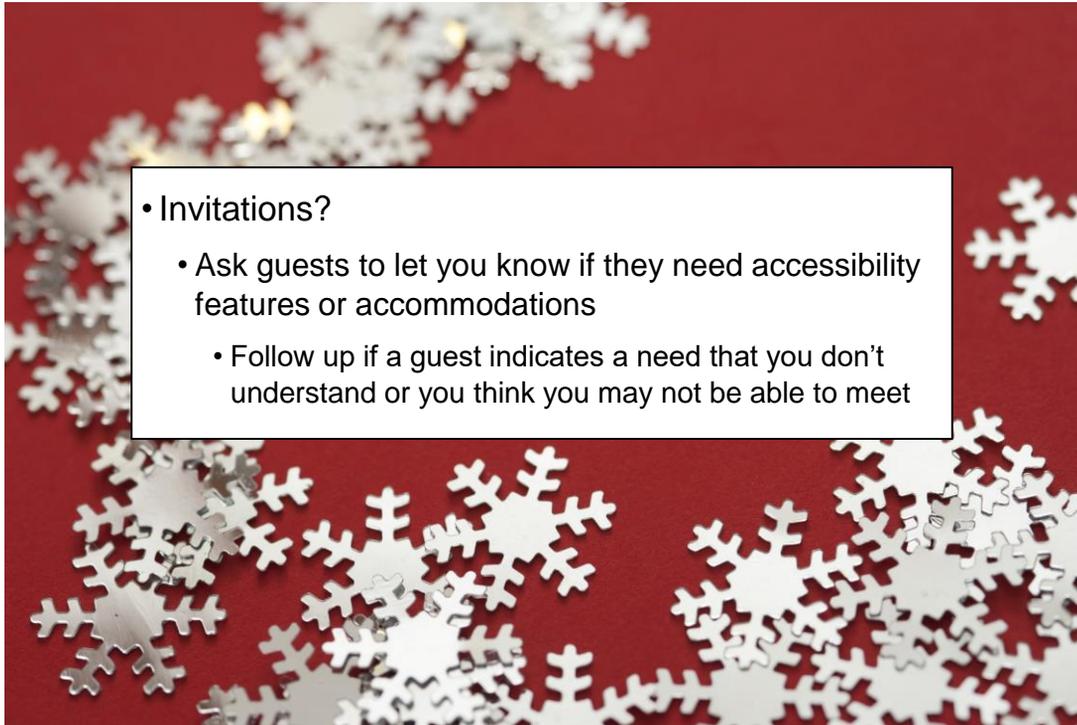
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Accessible Entertaining:

Let's Gather Together





- Invitations?

- Ask guests to let you know if they need accessibility features or accommodations
 - Follow up if a guest indicates a need that you don't understand or you think you may not be able to meet

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Home or Away?

- Going out?
 - Look for accessible venues, ask about accessible features (parking, entrance, restrooms, etc.)
- Staying in?
 - If you know your home is not physically accessible, and you're expecting a guest with access needs, consider whether there are temporary measures you can take (portable ramp?), or maybe you should consider ...



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Set the Scene



- Decorations? Cool! Extra seating? Yes!
 - Leave enough clear space for maneuvering for people using wheelchairs, walkers, etc.
- Mood lighting? Sure!
 - Maintain good lighting on walkways, in restrooms, food and beverage service areas
 - Avoid blinking or flashing lights with fast flash rates
- Scents and sensibility
 - Avoid, or use sparingly, strongly scented air fresheners, soaps, candles, flowers, etc.

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Food and Beverage: Buffet

- Self-serve items within reach for people of short stature or those using wheelchairs or scooters



- Identify items and ingredients
 - Common allergens (nuts, shellfish, etc.)
 - Unique items (sugar-free, etc.)

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Games and Activities



- Choose activities that are suitable for everyone, or offer different types of activities, both group and solitary activities (nature walks, scavenger hunts, dancing, crafts, brain-teaser puzzles, board games, card games, word games, etc.)
- Team sports and collaborative games can be a good way to include people of varying skill levels (as well as children) and to foster mentoring or “buddy system” approaches to group activities



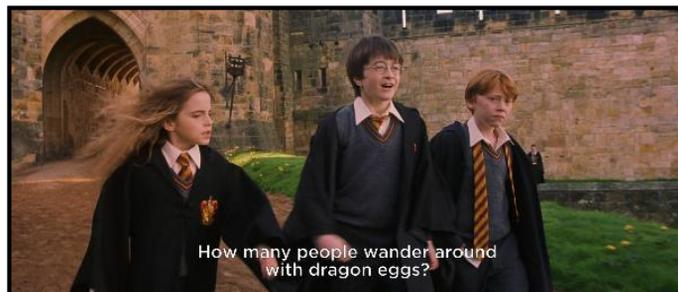
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Turn on the Captions

- Watch party? Turn on the captions for that football game, classic holiday movie, or parade broadcast!



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Quiet Spot

- Set aside a quiet spot for anyone who needs a break from noisy or crowded spaces



QUIET CORNER

“Quiet people have the loudest minds.”
- Stephen Hawking

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Enjoy!

- Remember, being a good host is all about being considerate and making your guests feel comfortable and welcome!



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Thank You for Joining Us!

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