



Ideas to Keep the Connections to Your Colleagues While Working from Home

Most of us have been unexpectedly thrust into a work from home environment. We are combating the multiple challenges of a remote office, from accessing the company network, to sharing files, and video conferencing. Among all these uncharted waters brings another challenge... how do we stay connected to our colleagues? Here is a list of some easy things you can do to keep your team "together" during a time of social distancing.



Chat with your colleagues online using Microsoft Teams

Microsoft Teams lets you set up various channels to chat and share with each other. For example, create a channel for people to share positive thoughts, inspirational videos, stories, or daily exercises. Block 15 minutes a day for your team to participate in a daily activity together.



Host a virtual culture day

Have your employees take turns at highlighting their culture one day a week. During the video conference, the employee can share information about their country of origin -- food, music, art and pop culture. Suggest that they show a video, share recipes, or suggest a travel destination. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about one another!



Send a care package

Who wouldn't love a surprise care package? It doesn't have to cost you much. For example, a Starbucks gift card to your coffee-loving cube mate, a box of snacks, or aromatherapy hand lotion. Sending a surprise through the mail is a great way to show your colleagues or employees that you are thinking about them and it's guaranteed to bring a smile to their face.

There are a lot of ways to stay connected even while working apart from one another. If you've done anything in your office to stay connected, we'd like to know. Share your ideas with our team by emailing kburmeister@mxotech.com. For more tips on working remotely and other technology articles, visit our blog at www.mxotech.com/blog.