

How to make a video call with Google Meet on your phone

Google's Zoom-rivaling video chat service will soon be available through Gmail on your phone. Here's how to set it up.

If you're one of the millions of people who became a **Google Meet** video chat devotee during lockdown, good news: You can now access Meet directly from the Gmail app on Android and iOS, making it easier to join video calls from your phone.

In April, Google made Meet and its premium features, such as unlimited call time and screen sharing, free to consumers through Sept. 30. The move put it in more direct competition with Zoom, which saw a massive surge in users when the pandemic hit, but also experienced a number of security issues, including uninvited guests "Zoombombing" meetings.



You can already find Meet in Gmail on your web browser, but launching it from an app saves you a step. Meet should be available in the Gmail app in your phone sometime in the coming weeks, according to a Google blog post from June 16. Here's how to use Google Meet on your phone when the rollout hits your device.

How to use Google Meet on your phone

Step 1. Open the Gmail app.

Step 2. Tap the **Meet** tab at the bottom right of the screen.

Step 3. Tap **New meeting** to start a meeting instantly, get a meeting link to share or schedule a meeting in Calendar. Or, tap **Join with a code** to join meetings shared with you by entering a meeting code.

Then just chat away on your phone and take those calls on the go.

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