Tips for Accessible Presentations

For video presentations:

- Use good lighting and speak so that your full face is visible.
- Enunciate clearly and eliminate background noise (e.g., silence email notifications).
- **Verbally describe all images, charts, or graphs** being presented. It is not necessary to detail every single element in the image, but the major points should be verbally clarified.
- Allow pauses between slides to give viewers ample time to process information.

Tips for accessible electronic presentations:

- Use large font and image size (typically at least 24pt) in a neutral font, such as Sans-Serif (e.g., Arial, Calibri).
- Use patterns, labels, or shading in graphs instead of color-coding. Colorblind attendees may not be able to distinguish red from green bars.
 - o Here is a tool that checks the colors in images against common types of colorblindness
- Optimize the contrast between your text and background colors.
 - o Here is a tool that checks the contrast of images
- Limit the amount of text on each slide. If you need more text, put it in the speaker's notes.
- Add alternative text descriptions for all images, charts, or graphs in your presentation.
 - Power Point alternative text instructions
 - Google Slides alternative text instructions
- Avoid animations and flashing effects, which can cause problems for people with seizures, migraines, and vertigo.
- If converting your presentation to a PDF, be careful to do accessibly.
 - o Steps to convert Power Point to an accessible PDF

Accessibility resources:

<u>Inclusive Design for Accessible Presentations</u>
<u>Creating Accessible PowerPoint Presentations</u>