



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: February 10, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Update | Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Consultant Medical Director Dr. Philip Chan

- 76,000 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been distributed in Rhode Island. 36,000 second doses have been given. Individuals ages 75+ are being prioritized across the state, as well individuals in certain geographies including high-density areas.
- Individuals can get vaccinated through their municipality, at participating Walgreens and CVS locations, or at State-run mass vaccination facilities (opening soon).
- Find the latest information on the State's vaccine distribution efforts at <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>.

COVID-19 Data Update | COVID-19 High-Density Communities Coordinated Response Lead Julian Drix

- State staff encouraged community leaders to spread the word about the State-run Wellness Housing program which provides safe quarantine housing for individuals with COVID-positive household members.
- Recent vaccine demographic data indicates low intake by populations of color, with data from 30% of individuals who have received the vaccine not being currently reported.
- Comprehensive COVID-19 vaccination data is publicly available at <https://bit.ly/3jMHmKv>.

Community Feedback: What are you hearing from the community? What should the State know?

- A council member voiced a community concern that vaccine distribution locations are not located in the most affected areas (communities of color and high-density zones). The HDC operations team is working to expand vaccine distribution site locations.
- A council member brought attention the fact that the collection of personal information such as home addresses is currently deterring undocumented individuals from getting the vaccine. State staff are working on eliminating this requirement.

Next Steps

- State staff will provide Council members with a list of community and senior centers assisting the State in vaccine distribution efforts.
- State staff will work on getting additional vaccination data as well as more information about vaccine recipient data collection processes.
- Chair of RI Continuum of Care Michelle Brophy will present at the next Equity Council meeting on the State's initiatives to address homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

