



## Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: December 2, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

### Welcomes & Introductions

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

### RI Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Subcommittee | Equity Council and COVID-19 Vaccine Subcommittee members Pastor Chris Abhulime, Pablo Rodriguez, MD and Larry Warner

- There are currently large-scale clinical distribution trials in progress or being planned for five COVID-19 vaccines. The distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine is projected to occur in the coming weeks and months.
- The State is working on developing a plan for a phased approach to vaccine distribution, with more vulnerable populations being given priority. This strategy is being developed using data in order to minimize COVID-19 morbidity and ensure equitable distribution. For more information, visit <https://health.ri.gov/covid/vaccine/>.

### Young Adult Task Force of Rhode Island | Task Force Member and Secretary/Young Adult Committee Chairwoman of NAACP Providence branch Nicole Tingle

- The Young Adult Task Force has developed a detailed outreach strategy to promote COVID-19 guidance measures among young adults in Rhode Island. This includes creating compelling social media content and producing a report listing 14 recommended tactics for effectively reaching young adult populations.
- For more information on the Young Adult Task Force, find them on social media at <https://twitter.com/YATFRI> (Twitter), [www.instagram.com/youngadulttaskforceri/](https://www.instagram.com/youngadulttaskforceri/) (Instagram), and [www.facebook.com/youngadulttaskforceri](https://www.facebook.com/youngadulttaskforceri) (Facebook).

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

- A member voiced the concern that COVID-19 testing appointments are inaccessible for community members who have difficulty accessing the online portal. State Staff are working with 211 to provide assistance with scheduling appointments over the phone.

### Next Steps

- State staff will work on
  - securing a future presenter to discuss testing updates
  - improving the clarity and usability of the RIDOH testing portal

### Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

