



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/youngadulthoodtaskforceri/ (Instagram), and www.facebook.com/youngadulthoodtaskforceri (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

