



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: May 5, 2021 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Data Update – Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) team

- COVID-19 vaccination demographic data collection has improved since vaccine distribution began in December. Only 3% of demographic data for vaccinated individuals is currently unknown.
- COVID-19 vaccination among individuals of color has improved in recent weeks, with 34% having received their first dose. COVID-19 vaccination rates among individuals of color remain disproportionately lower than those for white populations.
- RIDOH will be operating clinics on May 8th and 9th to administer second doses for individuals vaccinated at the Equity-Focused Vaccination clinics on April 10th, 11th, and 17th.
- The RIDOH COVID-19 vaccination team is looking to work with community organizations that would like to assist with outreach and vaccination site hosting. Organizations can indicate their interest by [filling out this form](#).
- For more information on COVID-19 vaccination and the status of vaccine distribution in Rhode Island, please visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>.
- To view all Rhode Island COVID-19 data, visit <https://bit.ly/3ttjj6s>.

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

- A Council member asked for a more detailed review of teacher vaccination data. To date, RIDOH estimates a 90% coverage rate among educators.
- A Council member requested that additional community leaders be included in COVID-19 vaccine strategy conversations, specifically around outreach and community engagement in high-density communities and communities of color.

Next Steps

- The RIDOH team will compile a comprehensive overview of the overall vaccine outreach plan in high-density communities as well as more detailed teacher vaccination data to present next week.

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- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

