



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: May 19, 2021 3:30 - 4:45 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the Council members
- Secretary Jones introduced an upcoming brief pause to revisit the focus of the COVID-19 Equity Council

HealthSourceRI (HSRI) Insurance Coverage Resources – Brand Manager Christian Vialva and Chief Public Affairs Officer Robin Dionne

- [HealthSource RI](#) (HSRI) is the state's official marketplace for health coverage.
- [American Rescue Plan](#) (ARP) allocated federal funds toward increased health coverage assistance for qualifying individuals, including most individuals with HSRI coverage.
- HSRI is currently offering a [New Enrollment Period](#) (NEP) from February 15th, 2021 to August 15, 2021 to provide eligible Rhode Islanders with additional time to enroll in 2021 health coverage. Additionally, [Special Enrollment Period](#) (SEP) is available for any individual experiencing a Qualifying Life Event (QLE).

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

- Youth ages 12 to 15 are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. Find more information here: <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination/covid-19-vaccine-faqs#kids>
- The RIDOH COVID-19 vaccination team continues to look for 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/3ttj6s>.

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

- A Council member asked about funding for community organizations who are helping combat COVID-19 in their communities. RIDOH staff shared information about the COVID-19 Mini-Grant program, which provides community organizations with funding to spread the word about COVID-19 resources including testing and vaccination.
- Council members requested further information about the pause.

Next Steps

- RIDOH staff will provide Equity Council members with informational materials about the Beat COVID Mini-Grant program.

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

