



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: June 30, 2021 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

- Equity Council co-lead Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos welcomed the Council members

COVID-19 Operations Updates – Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) Team

- RIDOH is organizing its efforts around driving vaccine uptake in high-density communities (HDCs) and other communities with low vaccination rates through strategic communications and increased pop-up clinics in these communities.
- RIDOH has formed an Incentives Working Group to generate actionable ideas to maximize COVID-19 vaccine uptake among Rhode Island's most vulnerable communities. These fall into three categories: business programs, community programs, and state programs.
- To sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment, please visit <https://www.vaccinateri.org/>.

RI Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity (CHAE) Overview – CHAE Co-Chairs Cynthia Roberts and Larry Warner

- The CHAE a legislatively mandated State commission. The primary role of the CHAE is to advise the General Assembly and the Department of Health on social and economic health disparities.
- Previous CHAE initiatives include establishing a list of State-wide health equity measures, developing materials in support of legislation that supports health equity, and releasing a legislative report every two years.
- For more information on the CHAE, including meeting minutes, legislative reports, and a full list of members, please visit <https://health.ri.gov/partners/commissions/healthadvocacyandequity/>.

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

- A Council member requested additional guidance on what precautions community members should be taking to protect themselves from the COVID-19 Delta variant. A physician Council member noted that full vaccination (two doses) provides protection against the variant.
- A Council member asked about the process for collecting COVID-19 data, especially regarding the Delta variant, from individuals travelling overseas for the summer. The RIDOH team will gather more information and report back at a future meeting.

Next Steps

- The RIDOH COVID-19 data team will return at the next meeting to answer data-related questions.

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- Closing remarks given by Lt. Governor Sabina Matos

