



Equity Council Agenda

Zoom Meeting Time: November 4, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Welcomes & Introductions

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

COVID-19 Open Discussion | Facilitated by Ana Novais, EOHHS Assistant Secretary

- Several Council members voiced the need for more effective, proactive messaging encouraging community members to follow COVID-19 safety guidance
- A member made a call for fellow council members to use their platform as trusted community leaders to spread accurate COVID-19 information from RIDOH
- RIDOH staff responded to a community concern about the delay of testing results by noting a large part of the reason for this is a lack of lab capacity across the United States due to a surge in cases
- Several Council members noted that individuals in their community are becoming more relaxed about preventive measures as the pandemic continues
- For the most updated COVID-19 guidance, please visit: <https://health.ri.gov/covid/>

Updates from the Last Meeting

- The Council will be meeting on a biweekly basis, starting November 4th. A discussion board was created to allow for conversation in between meetings

Next Steps

- State staff will work on bringing Equity Council feedback to the COVID-19 communications team
- State communications staff will continue to recruit Equity Council volunteers to feature for its high-density community outreach campaign

Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

