



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: September 30, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

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

## Updates from the Last Meeting

- **Food Security – Progress made.** Pastor Jenkins of Bethel AME held a successful food distribution event in Smithfield that fed up to 1,000 families.

## Contact Tracing Update | Kristine Campagna, Kayland Arrington, and Jaime Comello of the RIDOH COVID-19 Unit

- Contact Tracing team has embedded health equity training into general contact tracing training and is working closely with Health Equity Zones (HEZs)
- Contact Tracing team has been connecting individuals in quarantine with culturally relevant resources by working with local community organizations. Find more information at <https://health.ri.gov/covid/contacttracing/>.

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

- Members voiced community concerns around hookah bar and club/venue compliance as well as playground/park compliance and regulations. State staff members will follow up with response.
- Members voiced concern about community members not being aware of what financial assistance they are eligible for while they quarantine. Resources can be found here (under “Relief for Workers”): <https://reopeningri.com/vital-workplace-resources>
- A member would like more information about indoor social distancing guidance changes due to changing seasons. A member of the State staff will follow up with response.

## Next Steps

- State staff will follow up with seasonally appropriate social distancing guidance, currently under development. Guidance can be found here: <https://bit.ly/33FPBS3> (English) and <https://bit.ly/313qo2z> (Spanish)

## Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

