



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: October 7, 2020 3:30 - 4:30 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

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

## Higher Education Update | Amy Grzybowski, Executive Director of Higher Education & Industry Centers at the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

- Most higher education institutions have a hybrid remote learning/in-person learning model and are conducting widespread testing to their students. More information can be found on each institution's website.
- The State is working with both higher education institutions and community partners to better reach the 19 to 24-year-old population in order to prevent a further spike in cases.

## Updates from the Last Meeting

- State staff will connect an Equity Council member who is interested in getting involved with their local [Health Equity Zone \(HEZ\)](#)
- Concern regarding indoor social distancing and ventilation during the winter was brought to the State Commerce team, who will provide a response

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

- State staff and community members announced resource events coming up
  - [Bethel AME](#) — Testing site: Monday, October 19th from 3p to 5p
  - [Progreso Latino](#) — Testing site: Monday, October 26 from 9a to 12p
  - [Praise Tabernacle](#) — Food distribution: Saturday, October 18, time TBD

## Next Steps

- State staff will inquire about social distancing guidance and bus capacity on RIPTA buses
- State staff will provide a response regarding which higher education institutions will be dismissing classes after Thanksgiving Break

## Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

