



# Equity Council Agenda

**Zoom Meeting Time: August 12, 2020 3:00 - 4:00 PM**

## Welcomes & Introductions

- Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) Secretary Womazetta Jones welcomed the council members

## Updates from the Last Meeting

- **Basic Health Needs – Progress Made.** Members of the Equity Council have distributed more than 1 million masks to community residents and more than 108 community-based organizations throughout Rhode Island.
- **Testing – Progress Made.** A mobile testing site was brought to the Pawtucket Boys and Girls Club on August 4th.
- State staff has responded to an increase in cases in urban communities by launching an enforcement and compliance educational effort. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/2HpDIHv>.

## COVID-19 Testing Update | Dr. Philip Chan, RIDOH Consultant Medical Director and Matt Vargas, Testing Workstream Lead

- RIDOH is working on innovative solutions to increase testing across the state, including contracts with local laboratories and partnering with Equity Council members and other community leaders to set up testing while the organizations they lead give out other resources (such as culturally appropriate food distributions). For more information, visit <https://health.ri.gov/covid/testing/>
- RIDOH is working on developing a testing system for K-12 in response to the upcoming reopening of schools. For more information, visit <https://health.ri.gov/covid/testing/k-12/>

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

- Several members asked about the protocols in place regarding widespread K-12 testing
- A member asked about how the risk factor for K-12 school reopening is being calculated
- Members voiced the need for more overall testing sites as well as sites that are more accessible to high-density communities

## Next Steps

- State staff will work with RI Department of Education staff to bring Commissioner Infante-Green back to a future Equity Council meeting for school reopening updates

## Close

- Closing remarks given by Secretary Womazetta Jones

