



# Tri-County Community Action Agency

## Health Equity Zone

**North Providence | Johnston | Smithfield**



Tri-County Community Action Agency is excited to announce a Health Equity Zone (HEZ) serving the towns of Johnston, North Providence, and Smithfield. At Tri-County, we believe that everyone has the right to be healthy. Sometimes this means removing obstacles to health such as poverty, discrimination, lack of healthy food, lack of access to good jobs, unsafe home environments or other obstacles. These

barriers are often referred to as the "Social Determinants of Health". Health equity is achieved when every person has the opportunity, and the tools they need to live a healthy life.

Health Equity Zones, or HEZ's were created to address the social determinants of health and to help remove barriers to achieving a healthy lifestyle. The Tri-County Health Equity Zone (HEZ) will work to address community needs which are identified through a community needs assessment. The Community Needs Assessment will help us to connect residents with critically needed resources.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) established Health Equity Zones (HEZs) in 2015 to improve community health and access to programs and services. HEZs are collaboratives of residents, community organizations, health professionals, and others who come together to address the root causes of health disparities. The HEZs work to ensure every neighborhood has a fair and just opportunity to be healthy.

## Community Spotlight!



**Coming this Fall!**

Starting in September, Tri-County



**COVID-19 Supplies for Small  
Businesses**

will have weekend Farmer's Markets at the Tri-County Community Action Agency Johnston location at 1126 Hartford Avenue.

WIC farmer's Market Vouchers, SNAP, EBT Double your SNAP and Senior Farmer's Market Vouchers will be accepted!

Local farms will be onsite to offer fresh fruits, vegetables, and other locally made items. Are you interested in becoming a vendor? Contact Casey at csardo@tricityri.org.

Thousands of Covid-19 supply bags were distributed throughout the communities of Johnston, North Providence, and Smithfield. Bags were filled with essential COVID-19 supplies such as masks, Lysol wipes hand sanitizer, information about the COVID-19 vaccine and what to do if you've been exposed. If you have a small business in Johnston, North Providence or Smithfield, and would like to receive COVID-19 supply bags at no cost, contact Greg Hook at Ghook@tricityri.org

## COVID-19 VACCINES KNOW THE FACTS!



Have a safe school year! Getting fully vaccinated against COVID-19 takes 5-6 weeks, depending on the vaccine. Students age 12 and older are currently eligible. Find vaccines near you at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

#WeCanDoThis

Drive-up Testing available at Tri-County!

1126 Harford Ave, Johnston  
33 Maple Street North Providence  
401-519-1940  
(please call, do not enter the building)

North Providence VACCINE CLINIC  
12-18yrs old NP High School  
Sept 7th

### Why Get Vaccinated?

To Protect Yourself, Your Coworkers, Your Patients, Your Family, and Your Community

- Building defenses against COVID-19 in this facility and in your community is a team effort. And **you** are a key part of that defense.
- Getting the COVID-19 vaccine adds **one more layer of protection** for you, your coworkers, patients, and family.



*It all starts with you.*

Here are ways you can **build people's confidence** in the new COVID-19 vaccines in your facility, your community, and at home:

- ✓ **Get vaccinated** and enroll in the **v-safe** text messaging program to help CDC monitor vaccine safety.
- ✓ **Tell others why** you are getting vaccinated and encourage them to get vaccinated.
- ✓ **Learn how to have conversations** about COVID-19 vaccine with coworkers, family, and friends.



[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines)

Do Your Part! Get Vaccinated and get back to the important things in your life:

**What's your Why?**

*"I got vaccinated this summer so I could see my friends, and not worry about getting them sick." – Maddie, age 16.*

# Community Events Tri-County HEZ will see you there!

7/16/2021 North Providence Village Festival in Centredale, September 10 - 12 - Town of North Providence, Rhode Island



**NORTH PROVIDENCE  
— VILLAGE —  
FESTIVAL  
IN CENTREDALE**

**FOOD • FUN • VENDORS  
• LIVE MUSIC •**

*Bring your Family & Friends*

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
SEPT. 10	SEPT. 11	SEPT. 12
4PM-10PM	12PM-10PM	12PM-6PM

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<https://northprovidencetown.com/festival/>

Join us at the North Providence Village festival! Tri-County Community Action Agency will be there with give-a-ways and information on COVID-19 testing and vaccines.

Stop by our booth to sign up to receive COVID-19 supply bags for your small business, to meet the Tri-County HEZ Team, or to let us know how we can help you and your family achieve good health!



## Johnston Apple Festival

**Saturday September 11, 2021  
10:00am- 5:00pm  
Johnston Memorial Park  
1583 Hartford Avenue  
Johnston, RI**

A time-honored community tradition that has drawn thousands of people over the years and fills the Johnston Memorial Park with music, laughter, the scent of apple pies and great food.

Tri-County Community Action Agency will be there for all the fun on Saturday from 10am-5:00pm. Stop by our booth for give-a-ways or just to say, "hello!"

We hope to see you there.

# It's Time to Get Vaccinated

*Walk-ins Welcome!*



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