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**Weekly Provider Webinar:
Statewide Updates on COVID-19 and Homelessness**

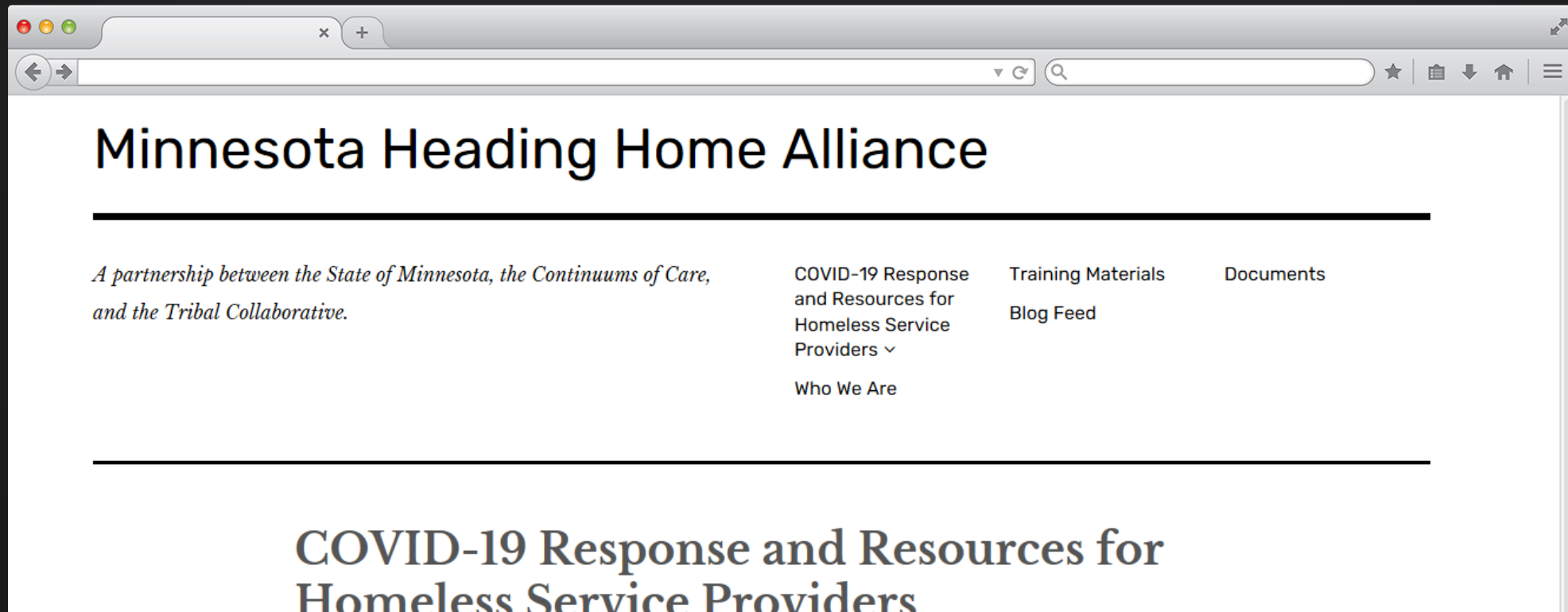
December 2, 2020

Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:30	Important updates from the State of Minnesota
1:30 – 1:55	Questions and answers
1:55 – 2:00	Closing remarks and adjourn

Visit the Heading Home Alliance COVID-19 page

- Latest resources, guidance, and contact lists
- <https://headinghomealliance.com/covid-19-response/>



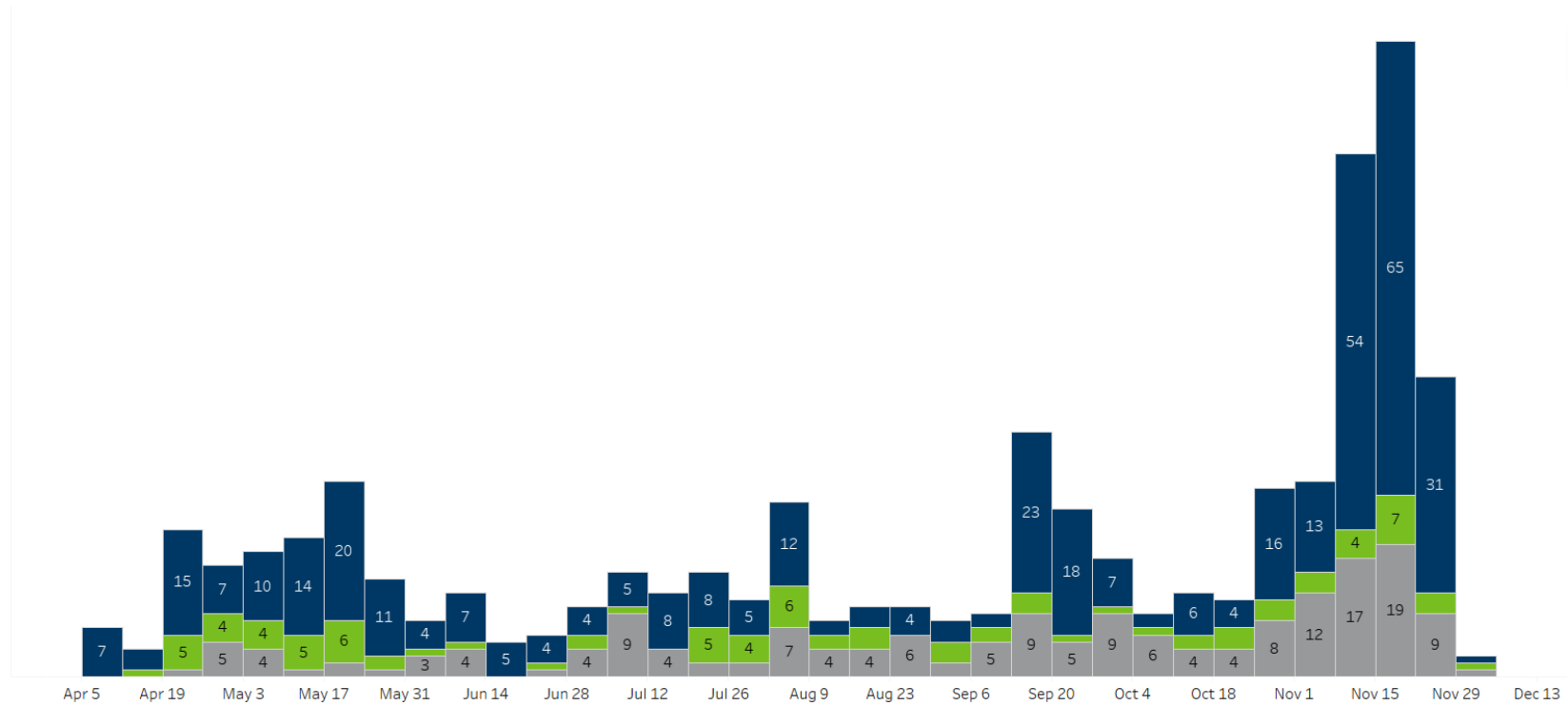
We need your help spreading the word

- For announcements about these calls, sign up for Minnesota Housing's eNews
- <http://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/enews>
- Select "Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness"
- **Please encourage your colleagues to do so!**

COVID-19 Summary of People Experiencing Homelessness and Staff* as of Tuesday, December 1, 2020

■ Sheltered
■ Unsheltered
■ Staff

Since April 2020, 667 PEH and staff have tested positive for COVID-19.



If staff travel out of state, should they quarantine?

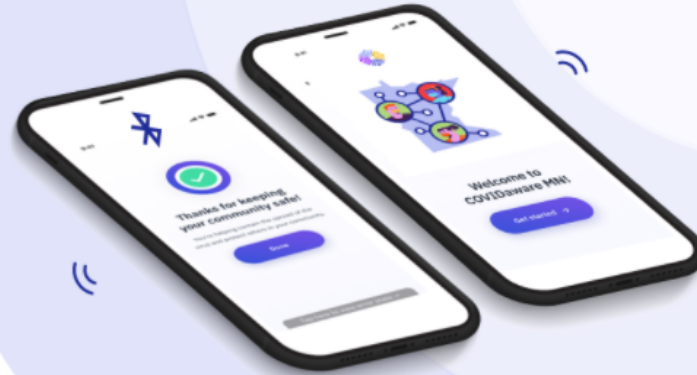
[Executive Order 20-99: Implementing a Four Week Dial Back on Certain Activities to Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)

- **e. Travel advisory.** Persons arriving in Minnesota from other states or countries, including returning Minnesota residents, are strongly encouraged to practice self-quarantine for 14 days after arrival by limiting their interactions to their immediate household. This recommendation does not apply to individuals who must cross state or country borders for work, study, medical care, or personal safety and security. Students returning home for school breaks are strongly encouraged to follow the recommendations available at [MDH's Institutes of Higher Education website](#).

COVIDaware MN - Free exposure notification app

Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19

Download the free COVIDaware MN app to get notified if you have been near someone who tests positive for COVID-19.



How it works

Your privacy



Supported on iOS 13.5 & 13.6 or above, compatible with iPhone.



Supported on Android Version 6 (API 23) or above.

Download the app today.

COVIDaware MN uses COVID-19 exposure notification technology developed by Apple and Google in partnership with PathCheck Foundation.

<https://covidawaremn.com/>

Emergency Staffing Pool

“The emergency staffing pool has been integral to our continuity of operations in the wake of multiple positive COVID-19 cases among shelter staff. Submitting a request for staffing support is simple and takes minutes, and we’ve come to expect a response within less than 24 hours. The state and vendor have both proven responsive and able to negotiate schedule requirements with prospective staff with minimal burden on shelter management. We’ve been able to secure temporary replacements for ill and quarantined staff who work in our food service and facilities departments—roles we didn’t initially think would be a good fit—and they’ve been instrumental in keeping our operations afloat. The only advice we’d offer is to err on the side of caution and request support as soon as you expect it may prove necessary. We’re grateful for this resource and the partnership it represents.”

Jake Gale, People Serving People, jgale@PeopleServingPeople.org

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Emergency Staffing Pool

- Eligible facilities for emergency staffing include: homeless shelters, shelters for domestic violence survivors, site-based supportive housing programs, boarding care, and board and lodge programs.
- Applicants must certify that they have at least one suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case among staff or guests and that they have already implemented their program's contingency or crisis staffing plan.
- Once approved, the staffing firm will try to place temporary employees within 48 hours. Temporary staff can be assigned to the program for up to 14 days.
- [Click here to access FAQ Page](#) and the [online application](#)

COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program Update

Applications are due by **December 7th** for rent, mortgage and utility assistance through the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Program.

- Applications must be complete and in "submitted" status by 11:59 p.m. on December 7th
- Paper applications must be post marked by December 7th

Find out if you're eligible by calling 211 or apply today at www.211unitedway.org.

Questions and answers

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Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!