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

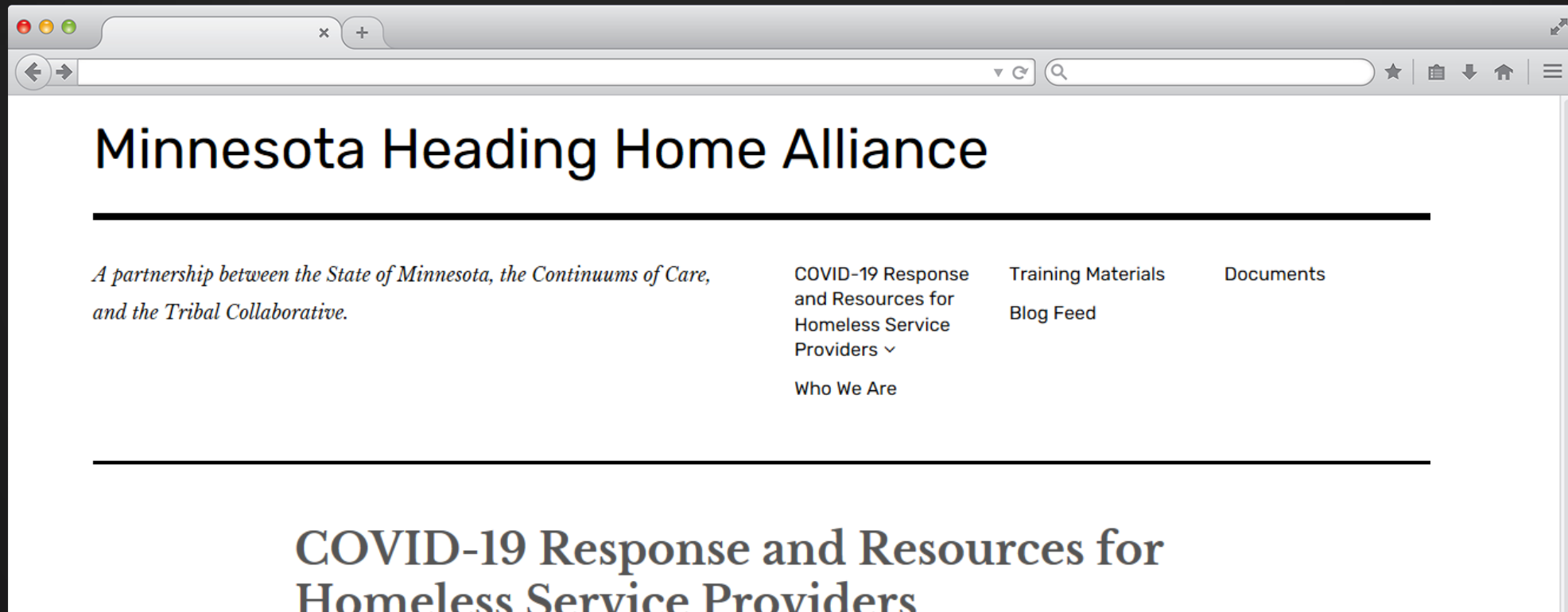
January 6, 2021

# 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

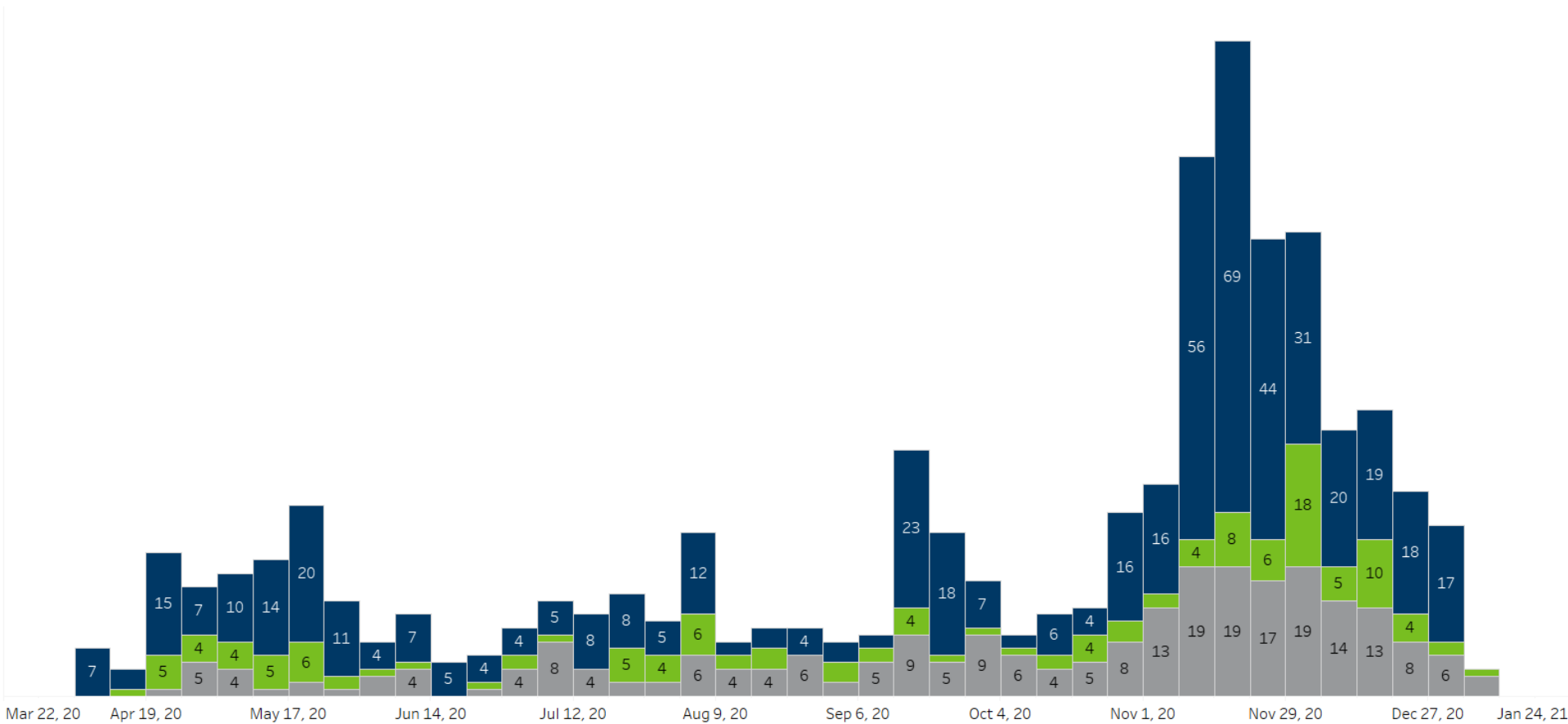
- For announcements about these calls, sign up for Minnesota Housing's eNews
- <http://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/enews>
- Select "Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness"
- **Please encourage your colleagues to do so!**

## COVID-19 Summary of People Experiencing Homelessness and Staff in Minnesota\*

as of Tuesday, January 5, 2021

- Sheltered
- Unsheltered
- Staff

Since April 2020, 909 PEH and staff have tested positive for COVID-19.



# Goals and strategies

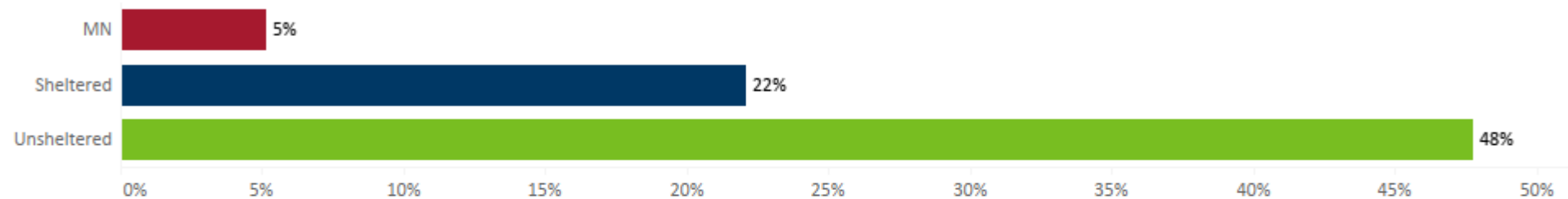
Our primary goal:

- Improve accessibility of vaccination and reduce barriers to vaccination for people experiencing homelessness and those who support them.

Achieving this goal requires ***engaging*** and ***listening***, creating ***customized approaches***, ***streamlining*** administrative and operational processes, and ***understanding*** and evaluating progress and impact. The entire effort will be ***rapid, adaptive***, and ***committed to continuous improvement***.

# Hospitalization Data

**% EVER HOSPITALIZED**



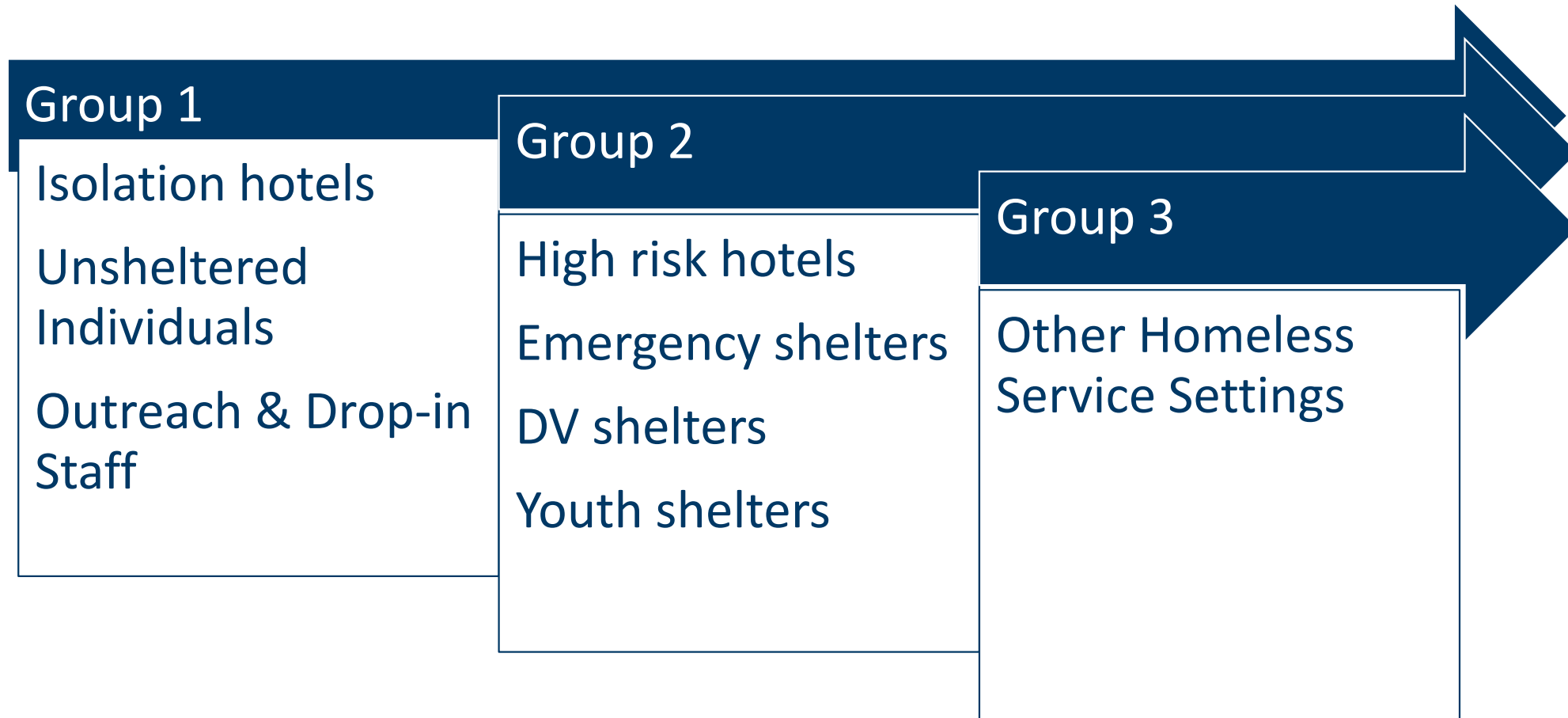
**% EVER ICU**



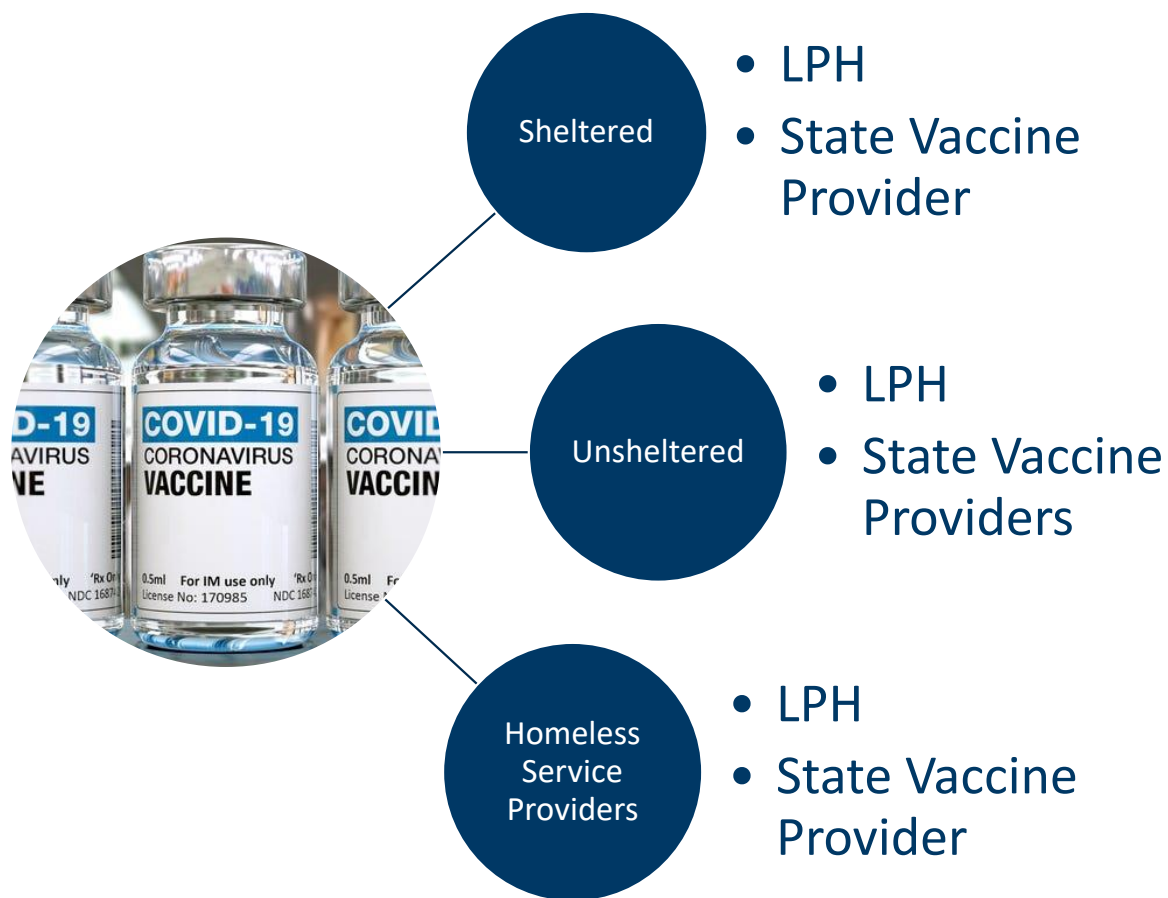


# Settings on the Homeless Service Continuum

## 1a Tier 3



# Approaches to Vaccination



# Examples of Complexities

- Movement across sites/shelters
- Doses per vial
- 2<sup>nd</sup> doses
- Hesitancy (registry)

# Important Consideration for Providers

- These are Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) vaccines and we are in early stages. We should expect hesitancy, this will take time.
- Under an EUA vaccine, people must be given the opportunity to accept or decline that vaccine.
- We know the vaccine protects the vaccinated person, but we still don't have data on whether it protects the vaccinated person from spreading it to others.

# Important Consideration for Providers

Access to shelter and services **should not** be restricted to those who provide proof of having been vaccinated.

# Important Consideration for Providers



Next steps for providers:

- 1) Provider survey coming soon!
- 2) Organizational information request
- 3) Sharing vaccine information

# Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) Funding Updates

- Additional \$8.9 million to continue services/activities of Emergency Services Program-COVID (ESP-CV) and Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)
- \$400k allocated for Isolation space (administered through individual contracts)
- \$8.5 million can be used for:
  - Shelter capacity
  - Hygiene and sanitation supplies
  - Staffing
  - Food
  - Light to moderate rehab
- Funds distributed using Jan-June OEO survey submissions
- Notification week of Jan 19th

# Federal COVID-19 Rental Assistance

## \$25 billion for emergency rental assistance:

- Tribal and State governments and local jurisdictions with populations of at least 200,000 people are eligible
- Estimated \$375 million for State of Minnesota and local jurisdictions

## Funds can cover:

- Period from 10/1/2020 to 9/30/2021
- Past and future rent, utilities
- Households at 80% Area Median Income and below
- Prioritizes unemployed households
- 10% administration



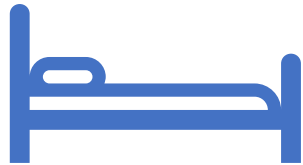
# 2021 Annual HIC & PIT Count

Each January, HUD asks CoCs to collect data on:

- ✓ the number and characteristics of who is homeless (sheltered and unsheltered) &
- ✓ the number of beds and units available to serve persons who are homeless.

# What is the HIC & PIT?

## Housing Inventory Count (HIC)



INVENTORY

# of beds/units dedicated to serve persons who are homeless that are **available** on the night of January 27<sup>th</sup> regardless of whether they are used that night.

Beds/Units counted:

- Emergency shelter (motel or fixed site)
- Transitional housing
- Permanent Housing

## Sheltered Point-in-Time Count



USAGE

# of beds/units **used** on the night of January 27<sup>th</sup>  
Shelter & Transitional Beds

Beds/units counted:

- Emergency shelter (motel or fixed site)
- Transitional housing

# How is data collected for the HIC & PIT?

To assure data is accurate, CoCs need the assistance of agencies to assure the data on need, usage, and inventory is both complete and accurate. This is how you can help:

## **HIC:**

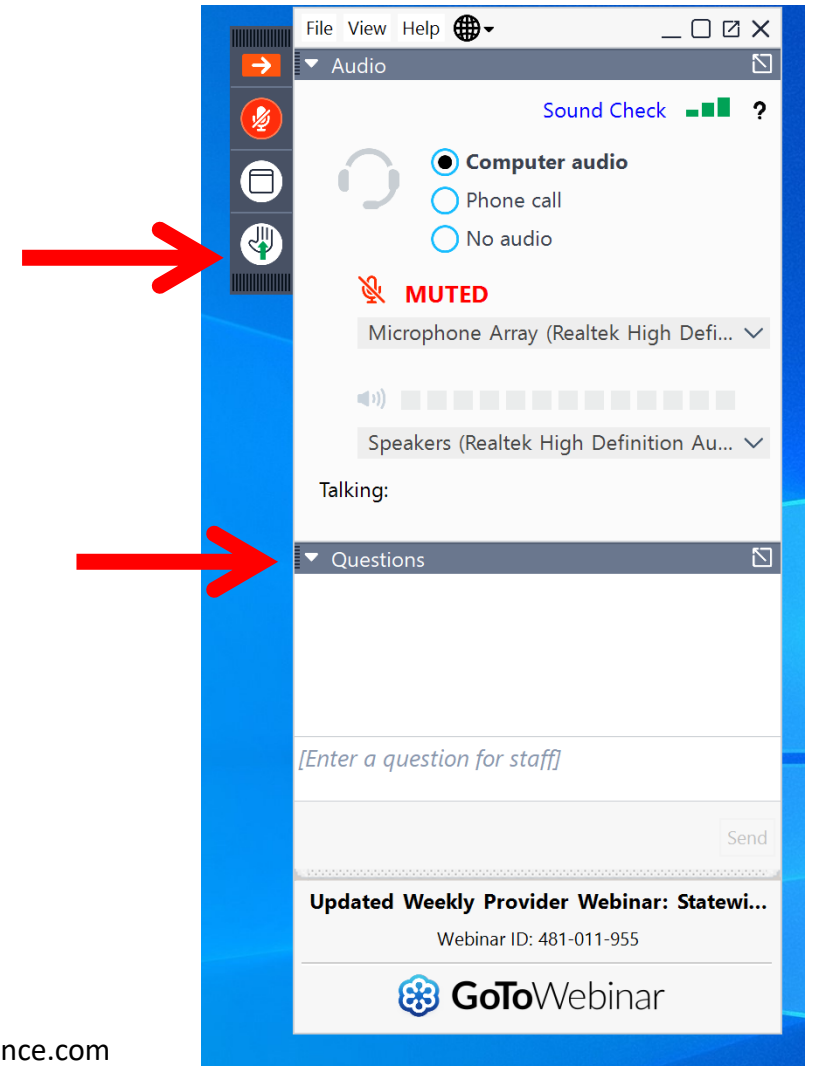
- HMIS Users: Review data collected in HMIS and by your CoC (if applicable). Respond to requests to reconcile data errors.
- Non-HMIS: Respond to requests from you CoC to complete a HIC survey and reconcile any data issues.

## **SHELTERED PIT:**

- HMIS Users: Assure your data is clean & current in HMIS by ICA's deadline. Respond to any requests to reconcile data errors.
- Non-HMIS: Enter your data in PIT LIVE by the deadline. Respond to requests to reconcile data errors or omissions.

# Questions and answers

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## Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!