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

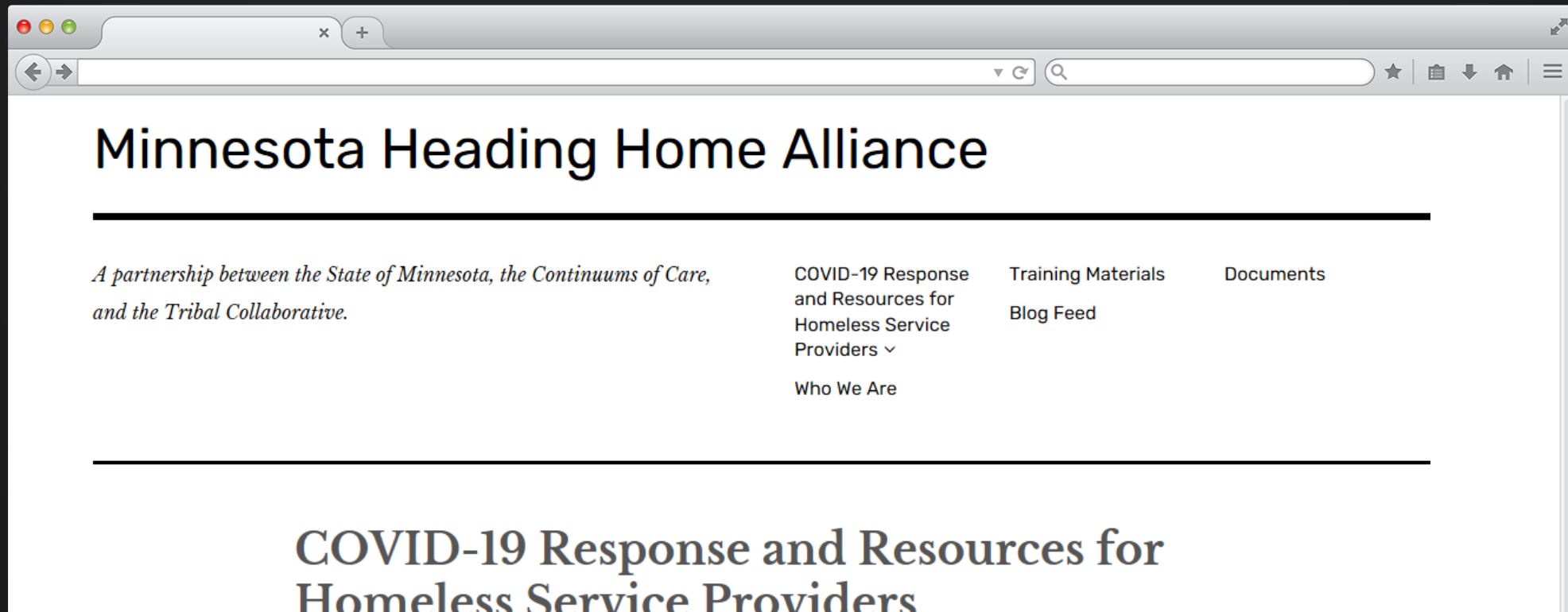
February 10, 2021

# 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!**

# DHS Weekly Calls

- The Department of Human Services is hosting weekly calls to provide information and policy changes with a focus on SNAP, cash programs, housing and resettlement.
- Join the weekly calls on Tuesdays from 4:00-4:30 p.m. [Click here to join](#) the meeting. No registration is required.
- If you have questions, please reach out to [dhs.rpo.outreach@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.rpo.outreach@state.mn.us).

# Update on COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance

- Welcome Rachel Robinson, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Housing
- Visit the [Minnesota Housing program page](#) for a high-level program summary
- [Sign up for the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance eNews](#) list for program updates

# Data Definitions

- Sheltered includes individuals who are:
  - Staying at a shelter (includes domestic violence shelters and homeless hotels)
  - Living in transitional housing
  - Couch surfing/doubled-up at a friend or family's home
- Unsheltered includes individuals who are:
  - Living in a vehicle
  - Staying outdoors (e.g., encampment)
  - Sleeping on public transit or other uninhabitable spaces (e.g., vacant building)
- People experiencing homelessness (PEH) include both sheltered and unsheltered individuals.
- Staff includes individuals who:
  - Work at a shelter or transitional housing site (includes domestic violence shelters and homeless hotels)
  - Work in outreach for people experiencing homelessness



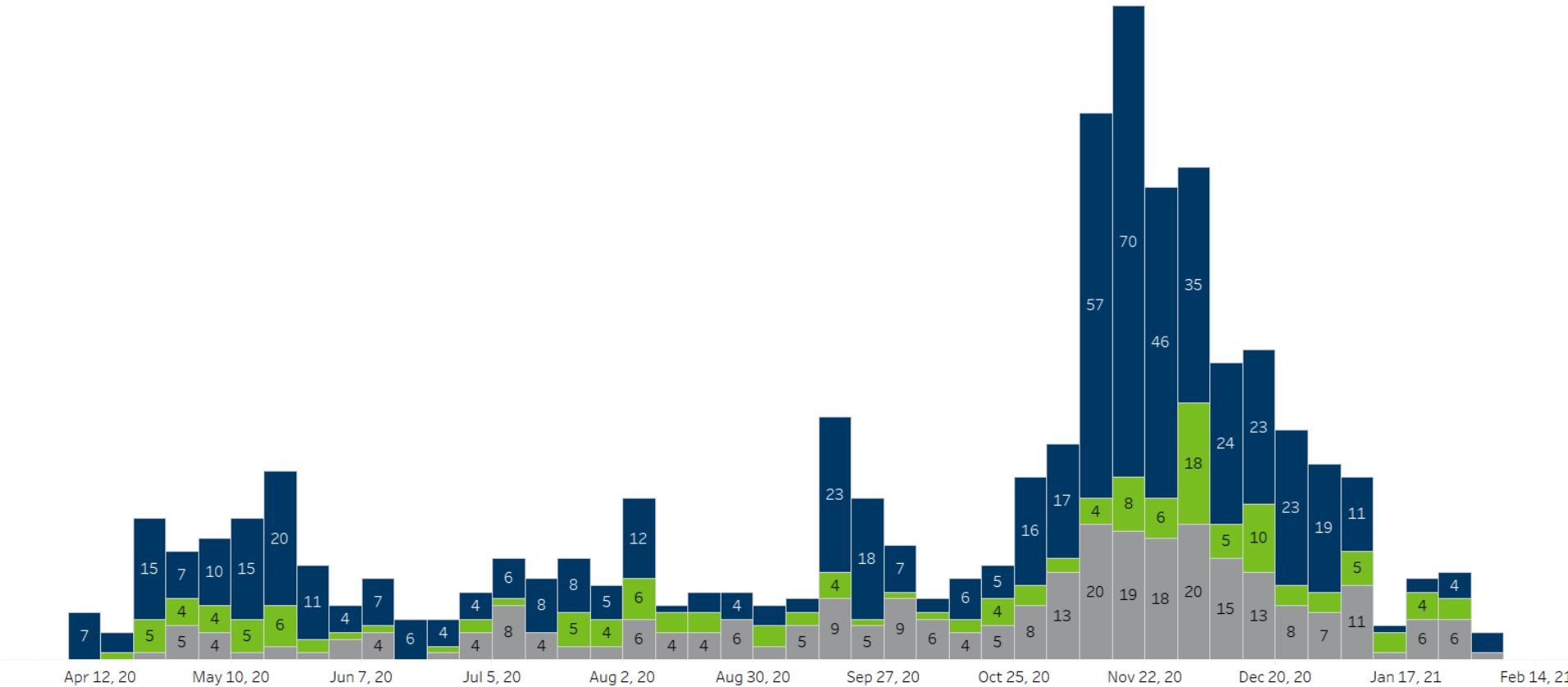
# MDH PEH Update

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

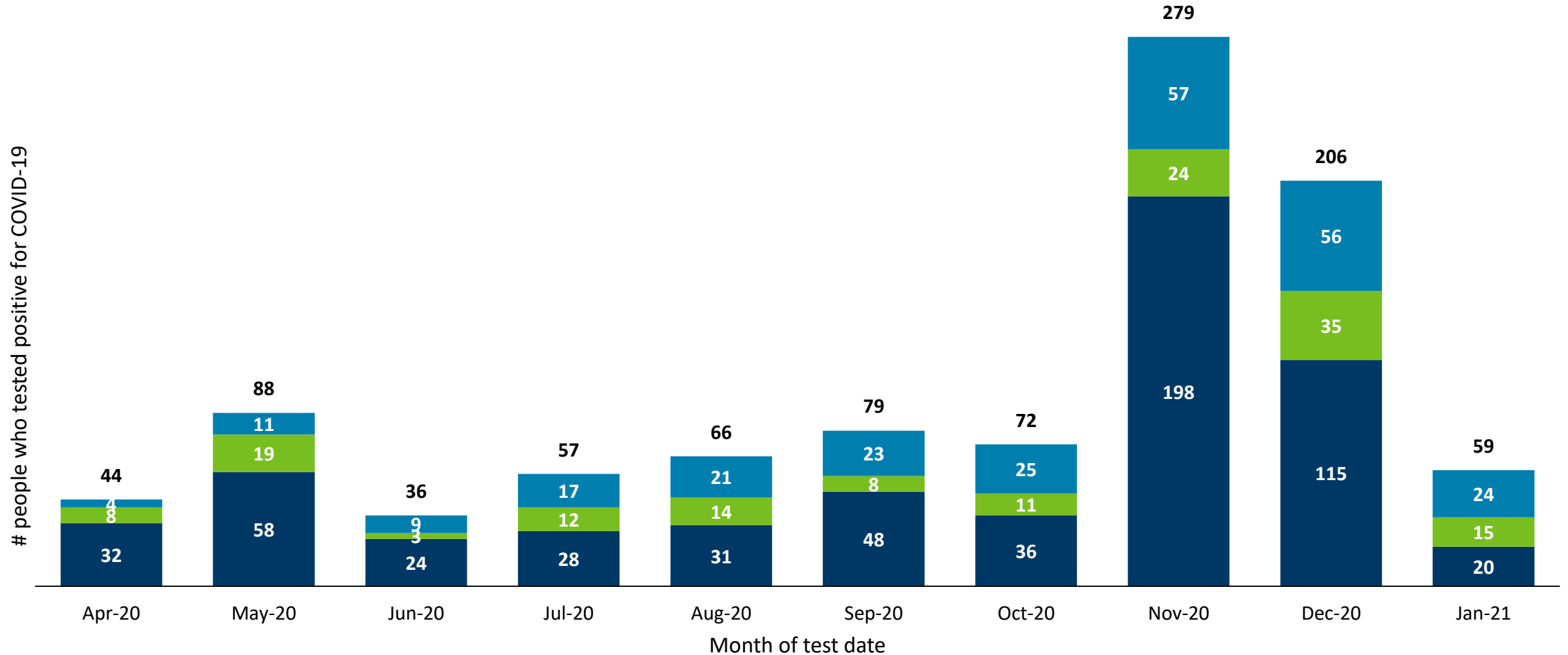
as of Monday, February 8, 2021

- Sheltered
- Unsheltered
- Staff

Since April 2020, 999 PEH and staff have tested positive for COVID-19.

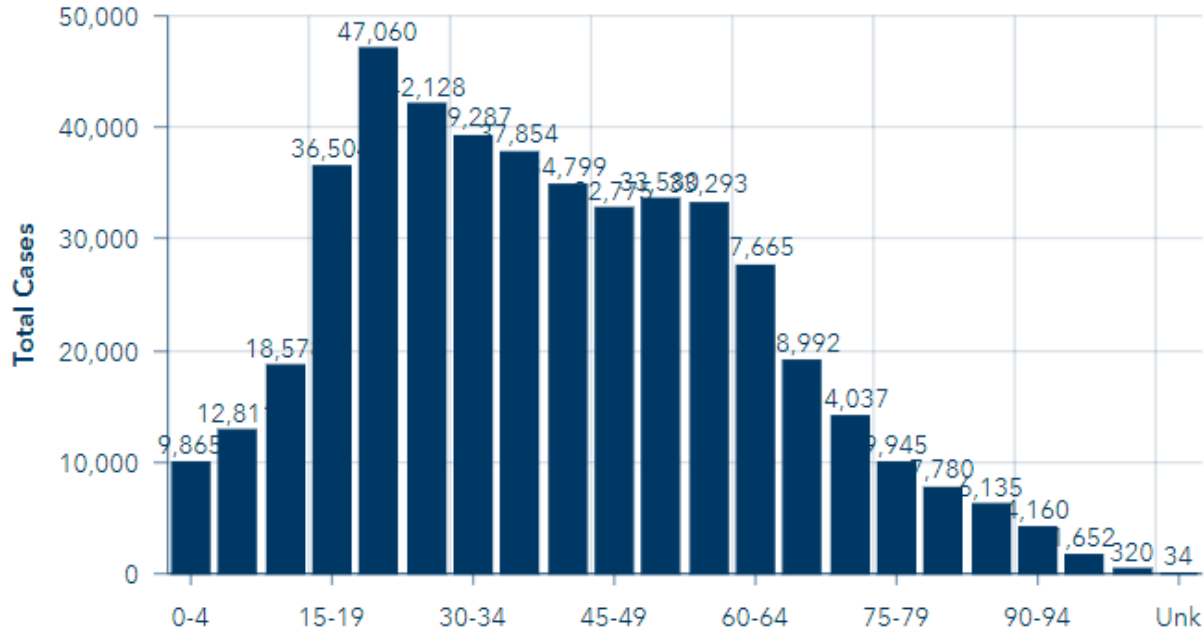


# The # of sheltered and unsheltered individuals, and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 decreased in January.

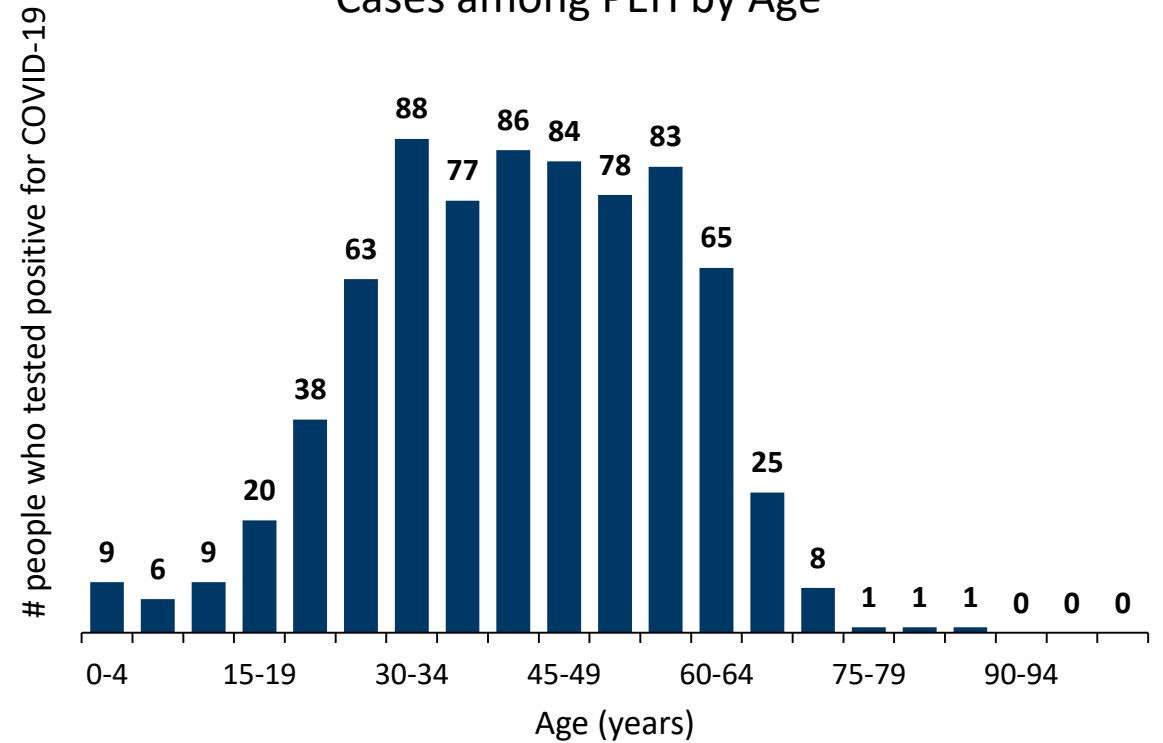


# PEH who have tested positive for COVID-19 were slightly older (30-59) than MN's general population (20-24).

Total Cases by Age

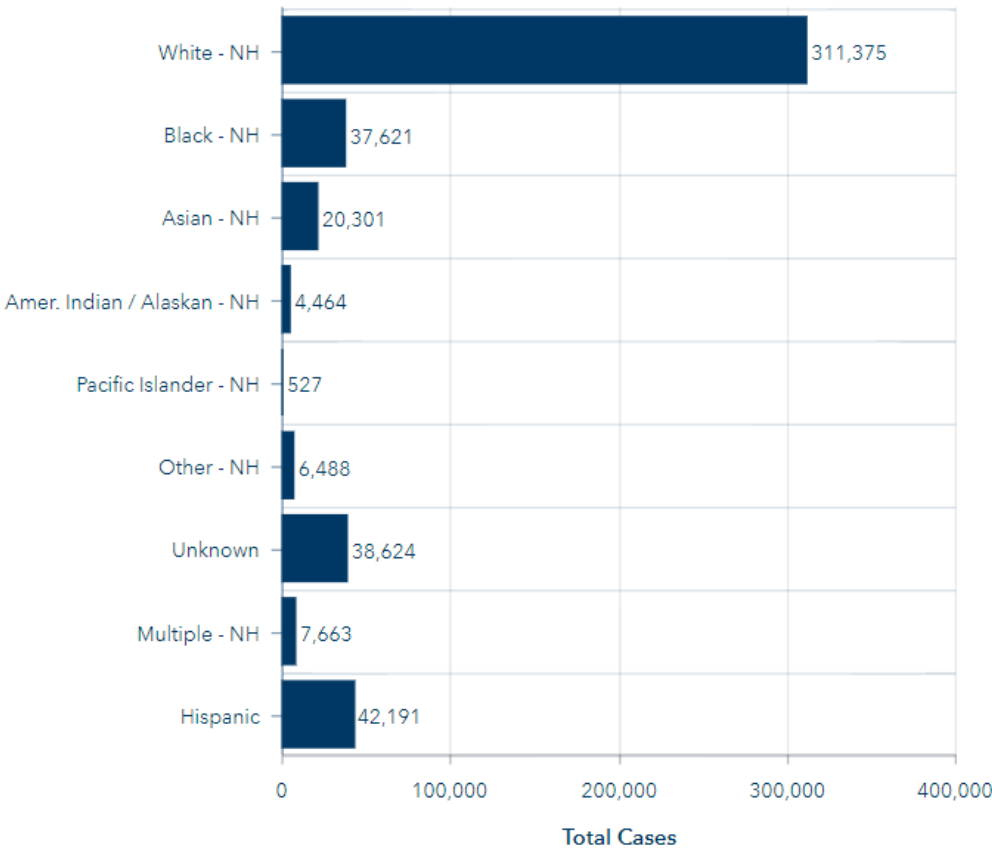


Cases among PEH by Age

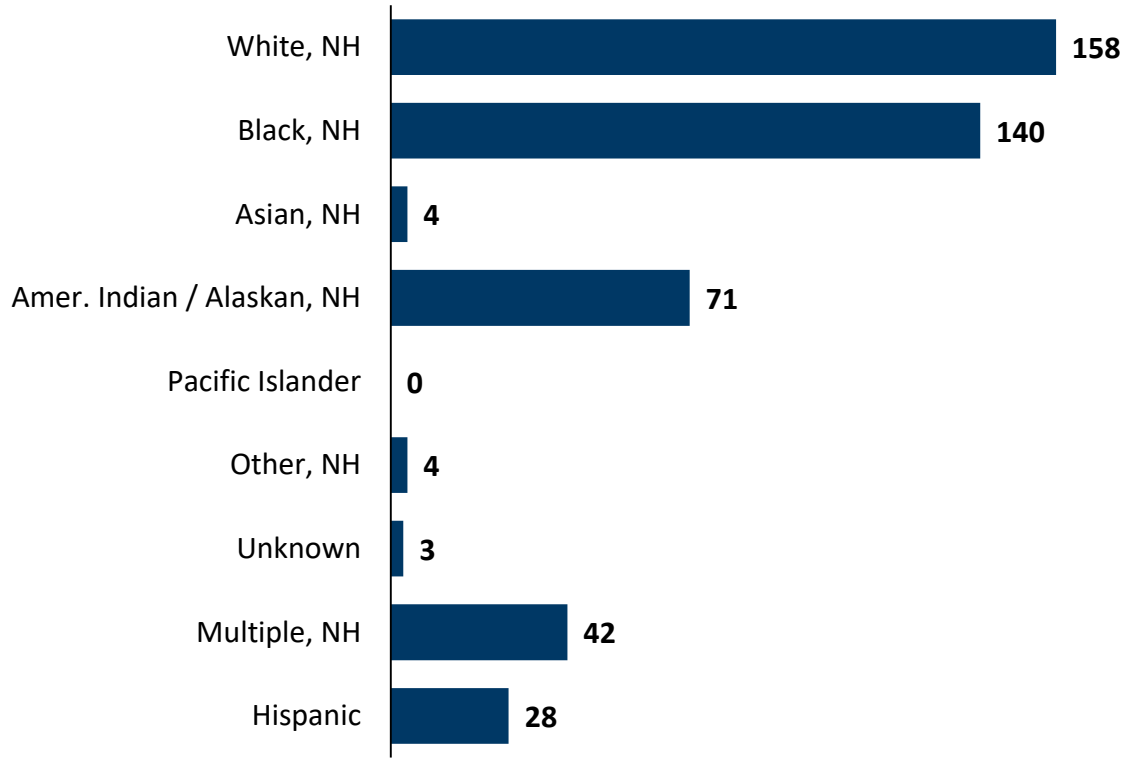


# COVID-19 is systematically infecting more people who are experiencing homelessness that are Black, Indigenous and People of Color.

Total Cases by Race



Cases Among PEH by Race



## Holidays and events


- Superbowl (2/7)
- Valentine's Day (2/14)

## New variants

- B.1.1.7 (UK): 16 known cases in MN (932 known in US)
- P.1 (Brazil): 2 known cases in MN (3 known in US)
- B.1.351 (South Africa): 0 known cases in MN (9 known in US)

## Statewide Data

Click on a county to narrow results. Data reported as of 2/7/2021.

 People with at least one vaccine dose	569,164
 People with completed vaccine series	162,132



- Planning work
- Lessons learned
  - Approaches
  - Preparing for guests and staff with mild/moderate vaccine side effects
  - Take a picture of your card on your phone!



# Online Vaccine Resources Toolkit

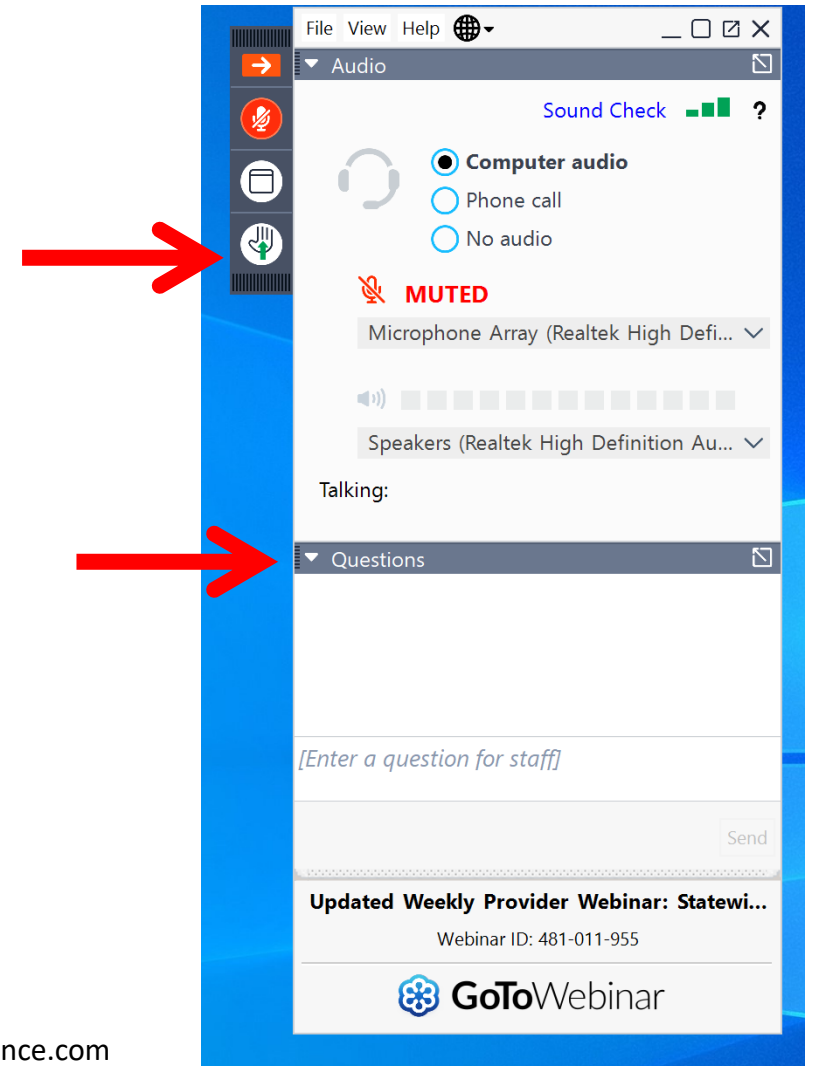
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Basics](#) – This is a two-page flyer developed by the Minnesota Department of Health that covers the basics of the vaccine, what to expect, and information on who can be vaccinated. This document can help answer basic questions about the COVID-19 vaccine. This document has been [translated into multiple languages](#).
- [The Time is Now! Talking with People Experiencing Homelessness about the COVID—19 Vaccine](#) – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has developed this resource to support providers, public health staff, and Continuums of Care as they have conversations with the people they serve about the COVID-19 vaccine. It provides ideas on how to structure the conversation and links to flyers that you can share.
- [COVID-19 Community Coordinators](#) – COVID Community Coordinators (CCCs) are community-based organizations that connect Minnesota’s diverse communities to COVID testing, vaccination, and other resources. This resource links to a contact list to the contracted CCCs.
- [COVID Related Speaker Requests](#) – The Minnesota Department of Health has developed a process to request a COVID related speaker at in-person and virtual events. The survey asks that you share basic event information, the target audience, and any information on the type of speaker you are looking for.

# Poll Questions

- Have you been contacted by a vaccine provider to begin planning for getting vaccines to your setting?
- Have the clients and staff at your setting been offered a vaccine?

# Questions and answers

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## Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!