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

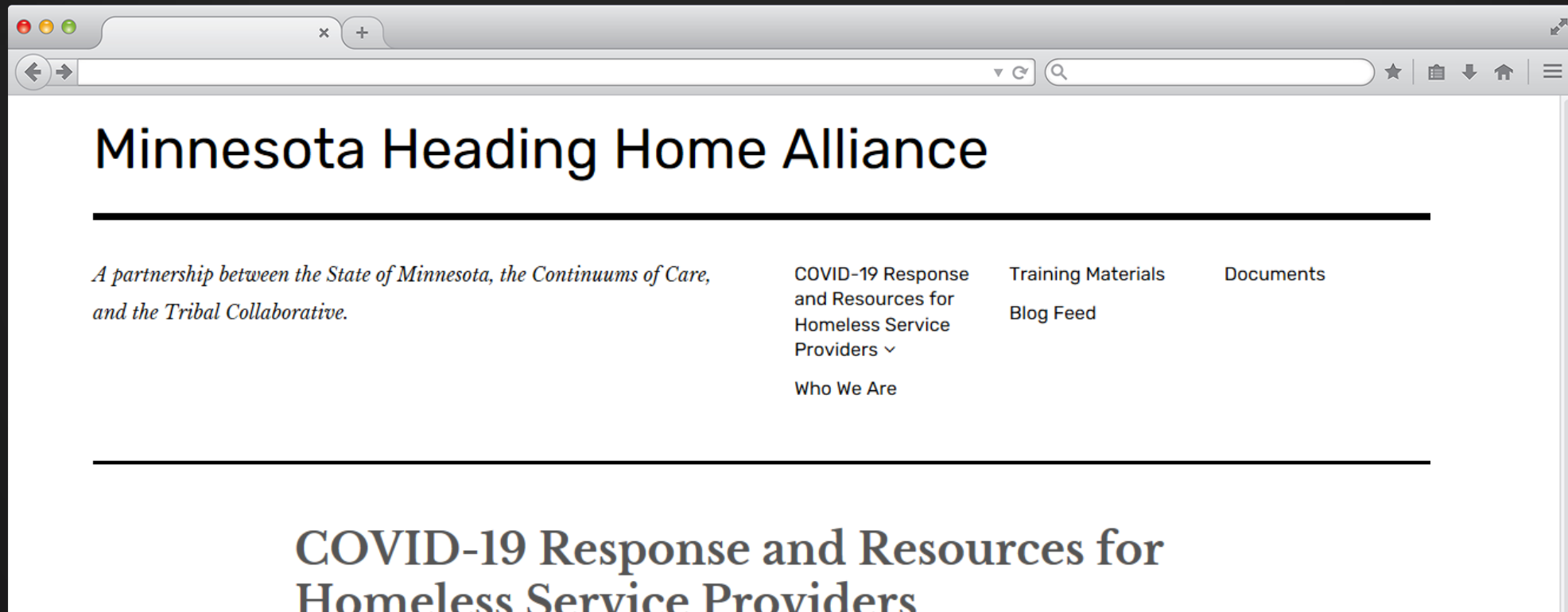
March 24, 2021

# Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:20	Important updates from the State of Minnesota
1:20 – 1:35	Let's hear from you
1:35 – 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-and-resources-for-homeless-service-providers/>



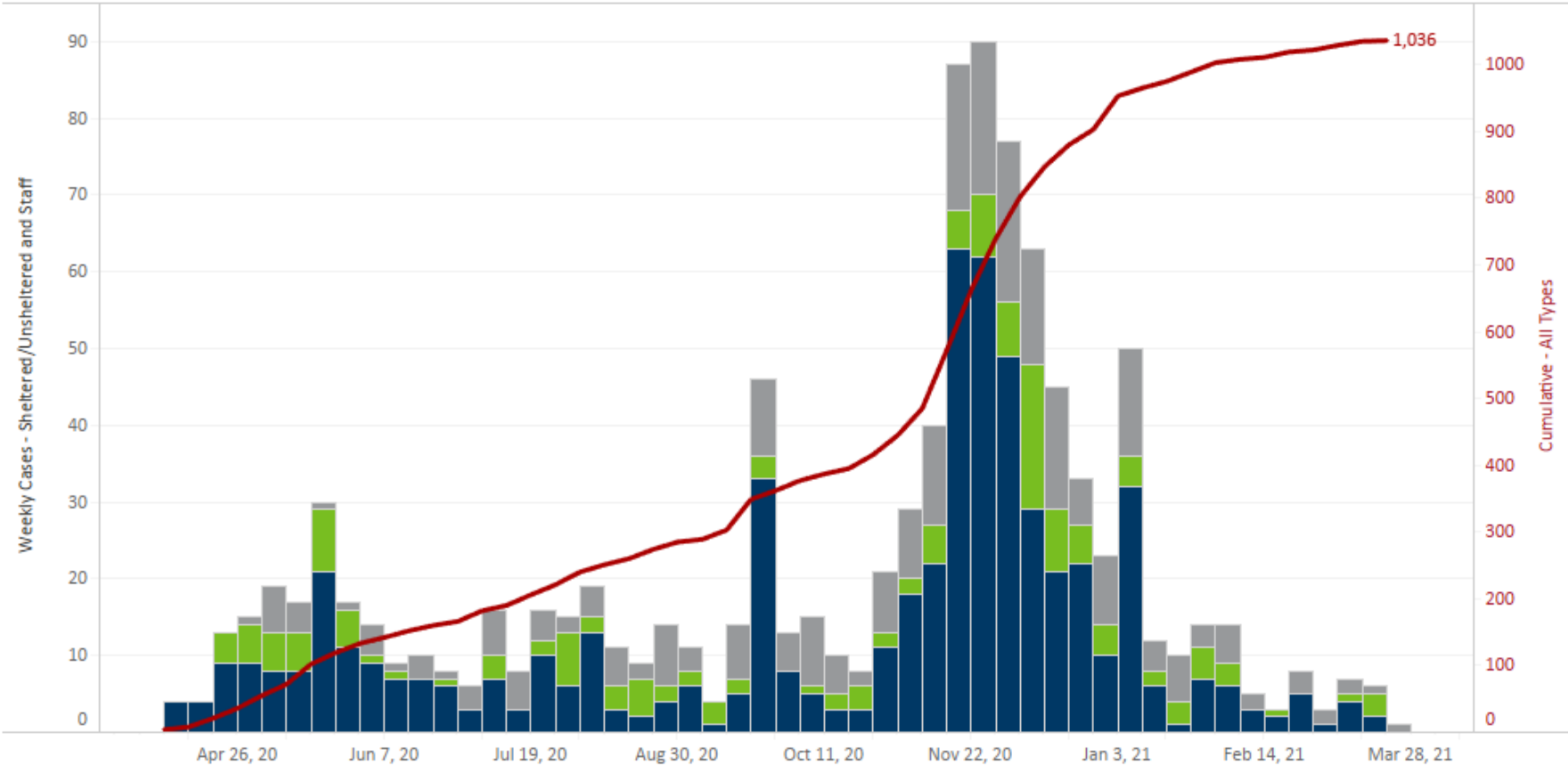
# We need your help spreading the word

- 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!**

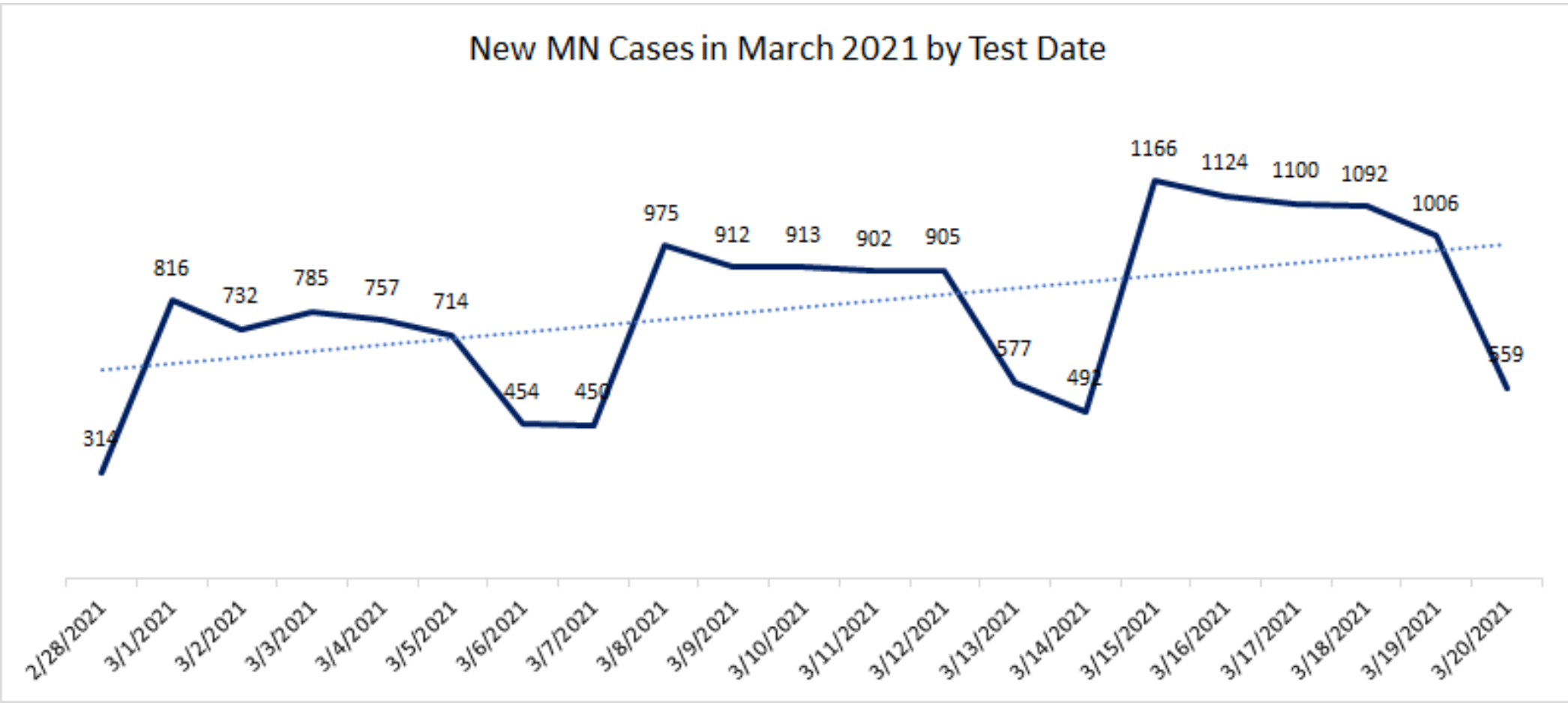
# MDH Update: April 2020-Present

## WEEKLY COVID+ CASES FOR PEOPLE EXPERINCING HOMELESSNESS AND SHELTER STAFF

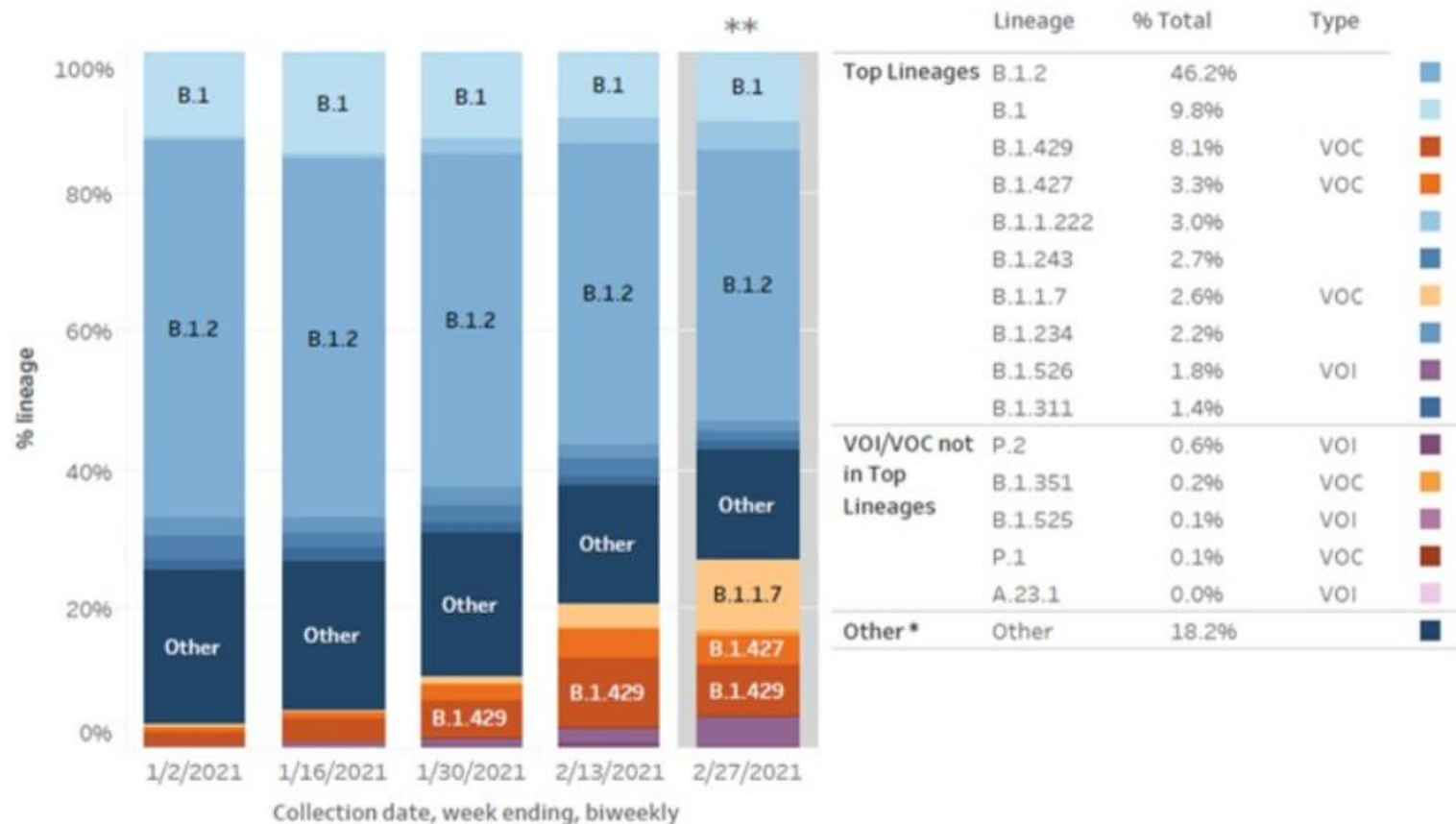
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# MDH Update: March 2021



## SARS-CoV-2 Variants Circulating in the United States





# Vaccine Connector

- The state continues to operate clinics to complete Phase 1a priority groups.
- You can get on the list for these clinics by completing the [Vaccine Connector](#). The Vaccine Connector has been updated and people who are currently unsheltered or live or work in a congregate living setting on the homeless service continuum are now named on the Connector as eligible for a vaccine.
- Connector appointments are received by email and it may take 1-3 weeks to receive an appointment because of the demand.
- If you have already completed the Connector and need to revise your form to provide this answer, you would call the Vaccine Connector hotline at 833-431-2053 to update your form.

# Safe Harbor Shelter and Housing RFP

- RFP is published on DHS Grants and RFPs website
  - <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/open-rfps/>
- Funds specialized outreach, shelter and housing services for youth experiencing sexual exploitation and trafficking
  - Grant period is July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023
  - Not COVID specific funding
- Proposals due April 29th by 4 pm
- Questions can be emailed to [dina.chou@state.mn.us](mailto:dina.chou@state.mn.us)
- Virtual responders' conference on April 6th at 1 pm
  - Link available in the RFP

# Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) COVID Funds Program Report

## Entities who received Emergency Services Program-Covid(ESP-CV) and/or Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF-ESP) **must complete a program report**

- Collects info such as # of households served, services provided, and outcomes.
- Submitted **electronically via on-line survey**
- Link on the [Heading Home Alliance website](#)
- Due date (depends on timeframe in which funds were expended)
  - **March 15, 2021:** If COVID funds were expended for activities April 1, 2020-December 31, 2020
  - August 15, 2021: If COVID funds were expended for activities April 1, 2020-June 30, 2021
- Only one report needs to be submitted for *ALL* COVID-19 funding received

Questions: please contact Katelyn Warburton ([katelyn.warburton@state.mn.us](mailto:katelyn.warburton@state.mn.us))

# Economic Impact Payment Updates from Senator Smith

- Ben Elgen, Housing & Banking Outreach Representative
  - [ben\\_elgen@smith.senate.gov](mailto:ben_elgen@smith.senate.gov)
- Treasury Department outreach to SPEC partners and other organizations; no MN specifics.
- No update on when non-filers form will open.
- Sen. Smith continues to push for Treasury to publish official guidance and otherwise expand their efforts to ensure access to Economic Impact Payments (EIPs)

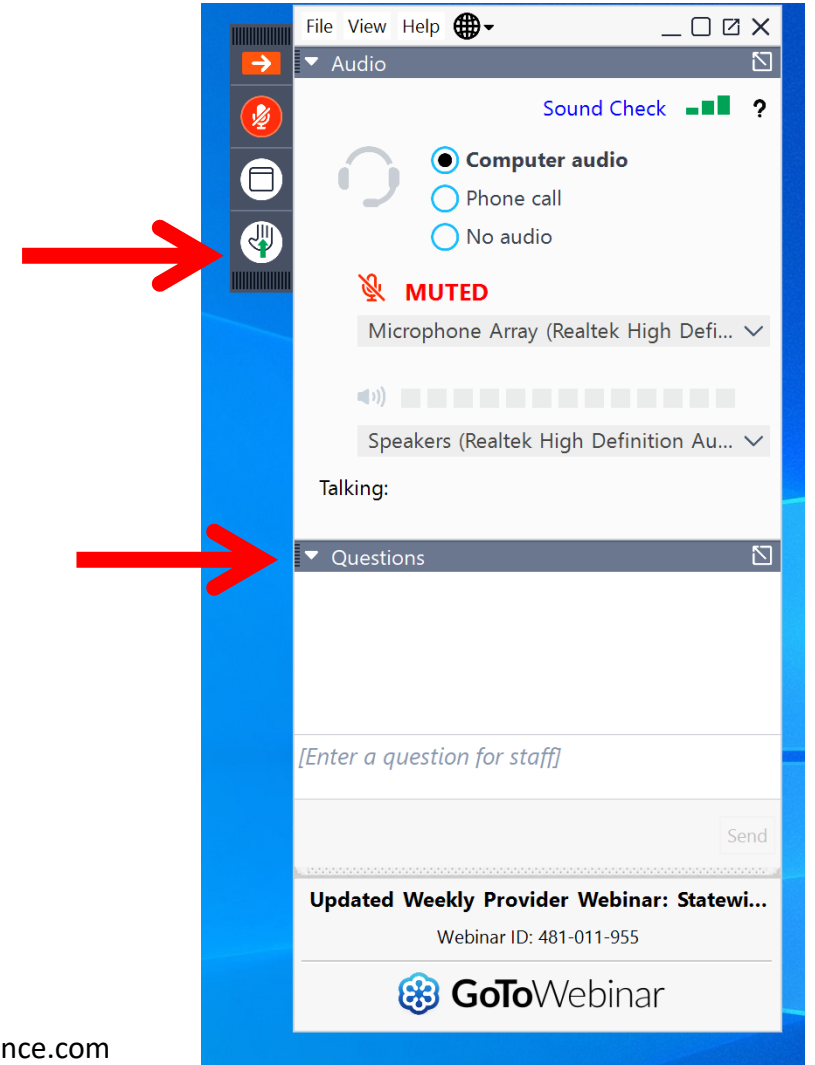
# Governor Walz Revised COVID-19 Recovery Budget

- Last week, Governor Walz released his revised COVID-19 Recovery Budget to account for the recent economic forecast released last month by Minnesota Management and Budget.
- In total the Governor's budget proposes a historic increase of more than \$36 million over the biennium for programs that support people experiencing homelessness and \$100 million investment in Housing Infrastructure Bonds.
- The revised budget includes an additional \$2.5 million for Homework Starts with Home and funding for two new staff to support the Housing Stabilization Services Medical Assistance benefit.
- [Find a full a summary here](#) of the budget items that impact people experiencing homelessness.

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Thank you!