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

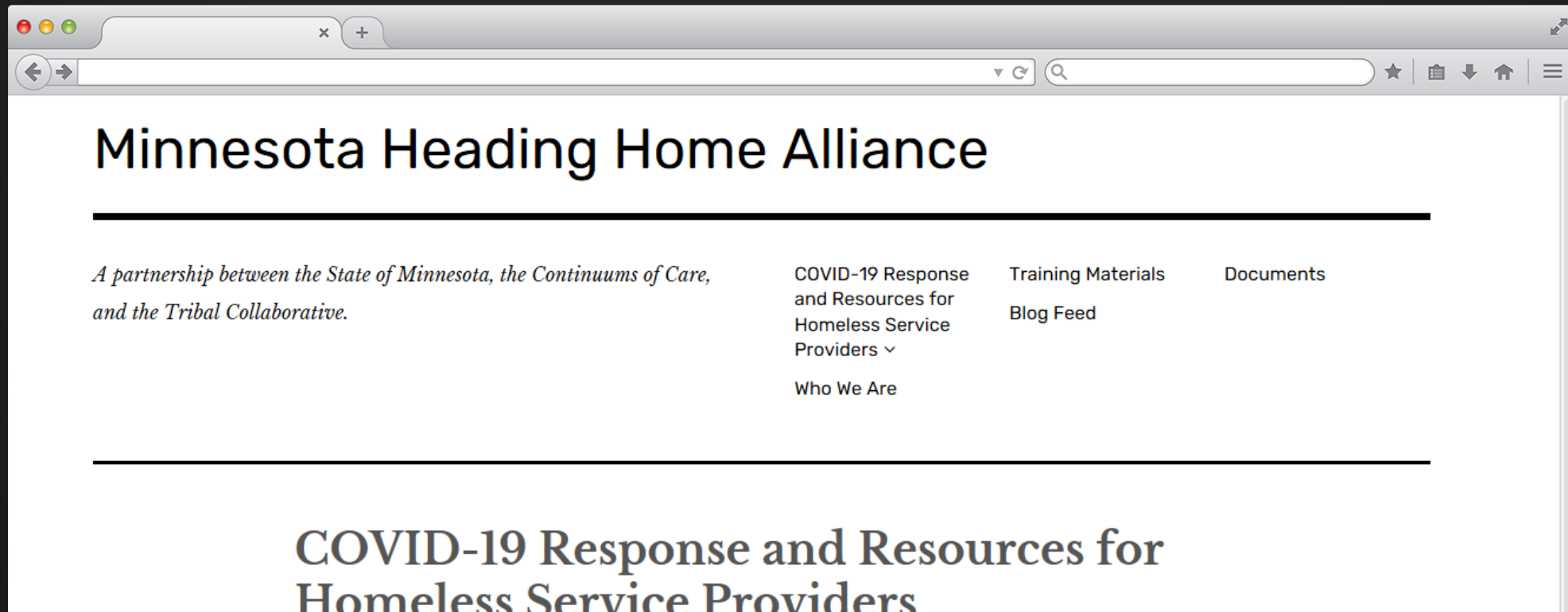
April 28, 2021

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-and-resources-for-homeless-service-providers/>

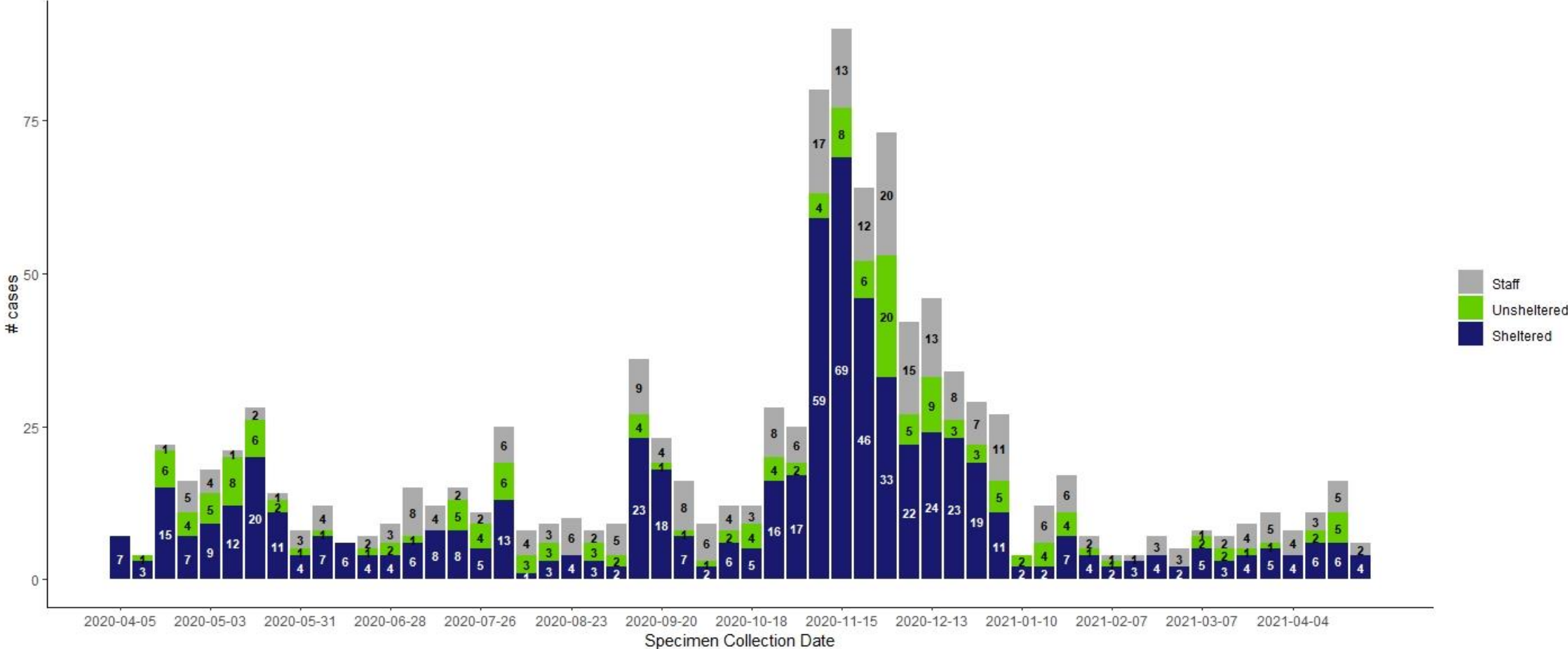


We need your help spreading the word

- 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!**

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

Since April 2020, 796 PEH and 280 staff have tested positive for COVID-19



Updated April 28, 2021

- CDC lifted pause on Johnson & Johnson vaccine

Online Scheduling through the Vaccine Connector

- Minnesotans can visit VaccineConnector.mn.gov to directly schedule appointments at Community Vaccination locations around the state. There are currently locations in Saint Paul, Bloomington, Oakdale, Mankato, Duluth, Rochester, Lino Lakes and St. Cloud.
- A federally-supported Community Vaccination Program location at the State Fairgrounds specifically serves residents of socially vulnerable zip codes in and around Minneapolis and Saint Paul. [Find eligible zip codes and register here](#) or call the vaccine hotline, 833-431-2053.
- Anyone with a disability, regardless of zip code, is also eligible to get a vaccine at the State Fair site. [A person with a disability can sign up here](#), or call the vaccine hotline, 833-431-2053.

Economic Impact Payments

People Experiencing Homelessness ARE Eligible for Stimulus Payments

What You Can Do:

1

Make sure all people using your services know they are entitled to Economic Impact Payments. To identify eligible individuals, start the conversation during case management visits, shelter intake, coordinated entry, and outreach services.

2

Remind clients that if they didn't receive a payment in 2020, they must file a tax return to claim the third round payment. Filing also allows them to apply for a Recovery Rebate Credit of up to \$1,800 if they didn't receive a previous stimulus payment.

3

Identify partners that can help clients file their taxes:

- Become familiar with options for free online filing help for low income individuals.
- Use the IRS' "[Free Tax Prep Help](#)" resource to identify participating providers in the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs.
- Reach out now to volunteers, pro bono partners, or others who may be able to assist your clients with tax filings.
- Connect with organizations offering [Low Income Taxpayer Clinics](#) in your jurisdiction.

- The National Alliance to End Homelessness has developed a [series of flyers](#) to help providers, advocates, and other system leaders assist people in accessing their payments.
- [Visit the IRS page](#) for more detailed information on accessing EIPs for people experiencing homelessness.

Heading Home Corps



Heading Home Corps Site Application Reminder

Site Recruitment Update:

- 21 sites applied, 56 members requested
- Need to find host sites for 44 more [Housing Resource Navigators](#)
- Looking for sites in Greater MN as well as Twin Cities Metro Area

Priority Deadline to Apply: 4/30

Award Notification: 5/14

- Sites can be awarded on a rolling basis after that date



Member Application Now Open!

Now recruiting members to serve as [Housing Resource Navigators](#), starting in September 2021!

Interested applicants can learn more and apply today: <https://www.servetogrow.org/headinghome#apply>



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Member Perks

Perks

- \$750 biweekly living allowance
- Health insurance
- Eligible for childcare assistance
- Education Award of up to \$6,345 at the end of service

Service Commitment

- 11 month service term
- 40 hours/week
- 1700 hours total
- Start dates in September, alternative dates in November and January if needed

We are especially interested in recruiting members with lived experience.



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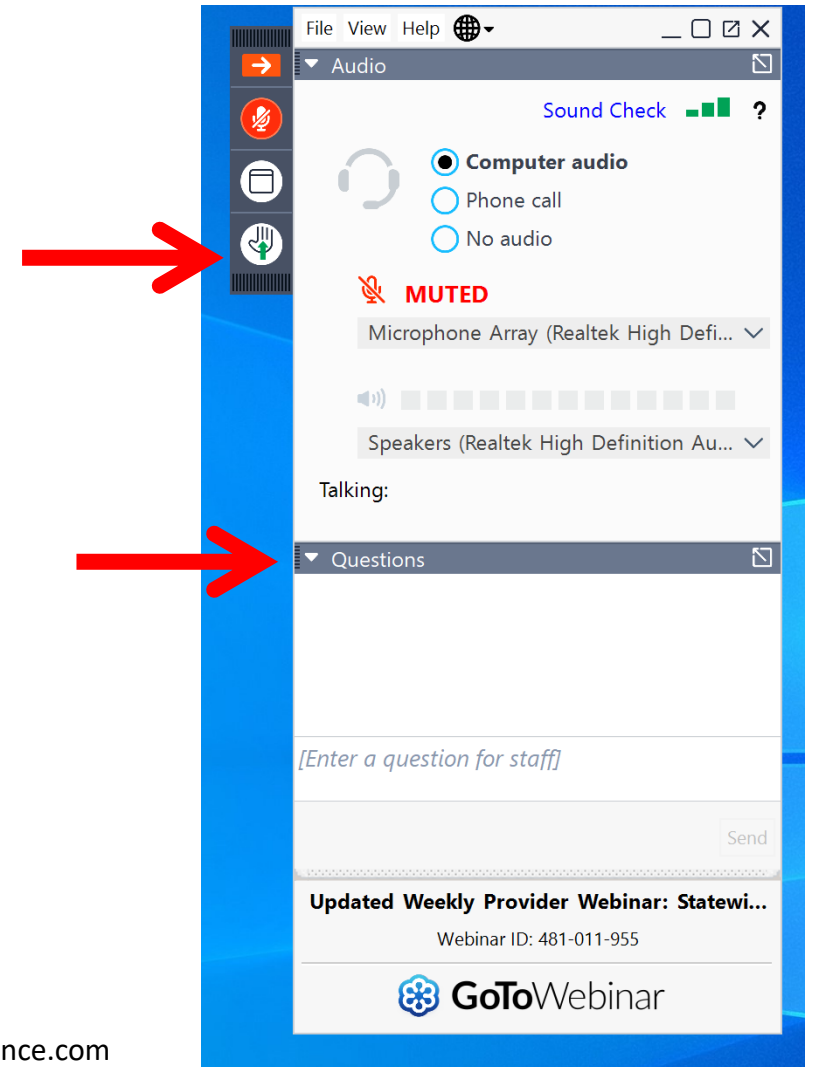
More Information

- Learn more at: <https://www.servetogrow.org/headinghome>
- Check out our [Guide to Partnering with Heading Home Corps](#)
- Questions? Feel free to reach out!
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