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

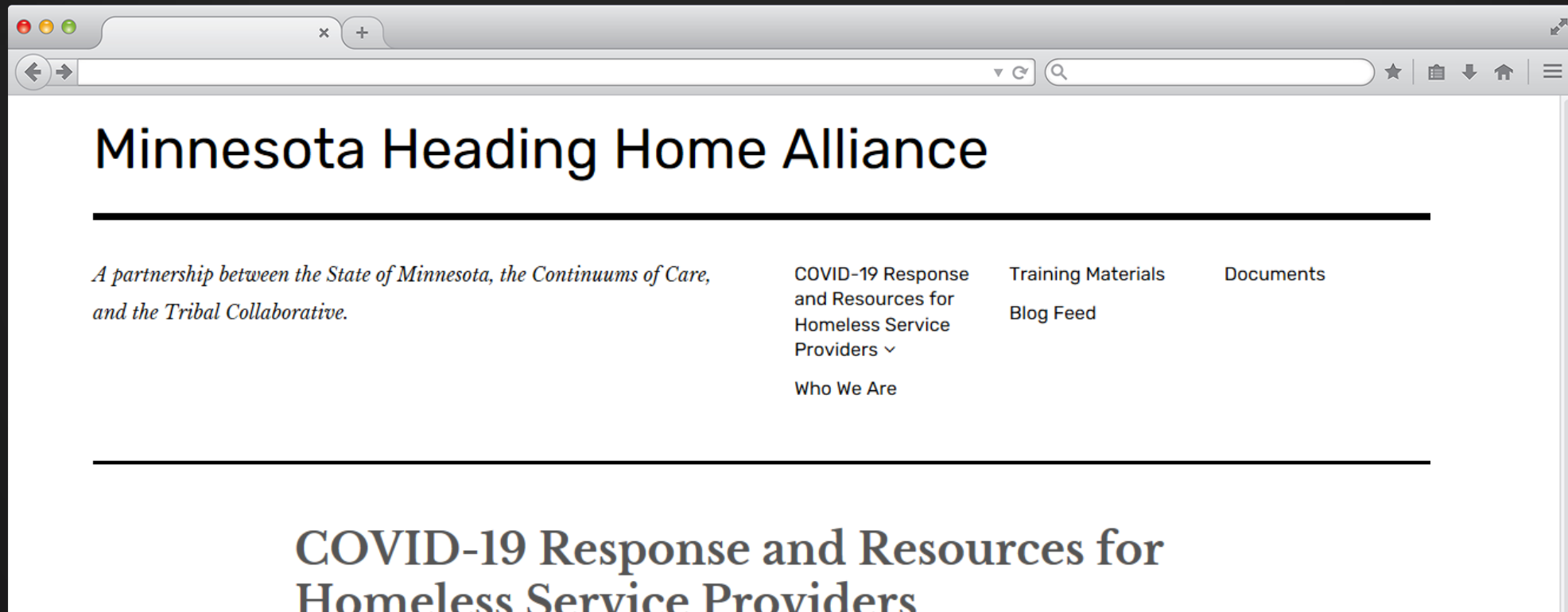
May 5, 2021

# Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:20	Important updates from the State of Minnesota
1:20 – 1:55	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/>

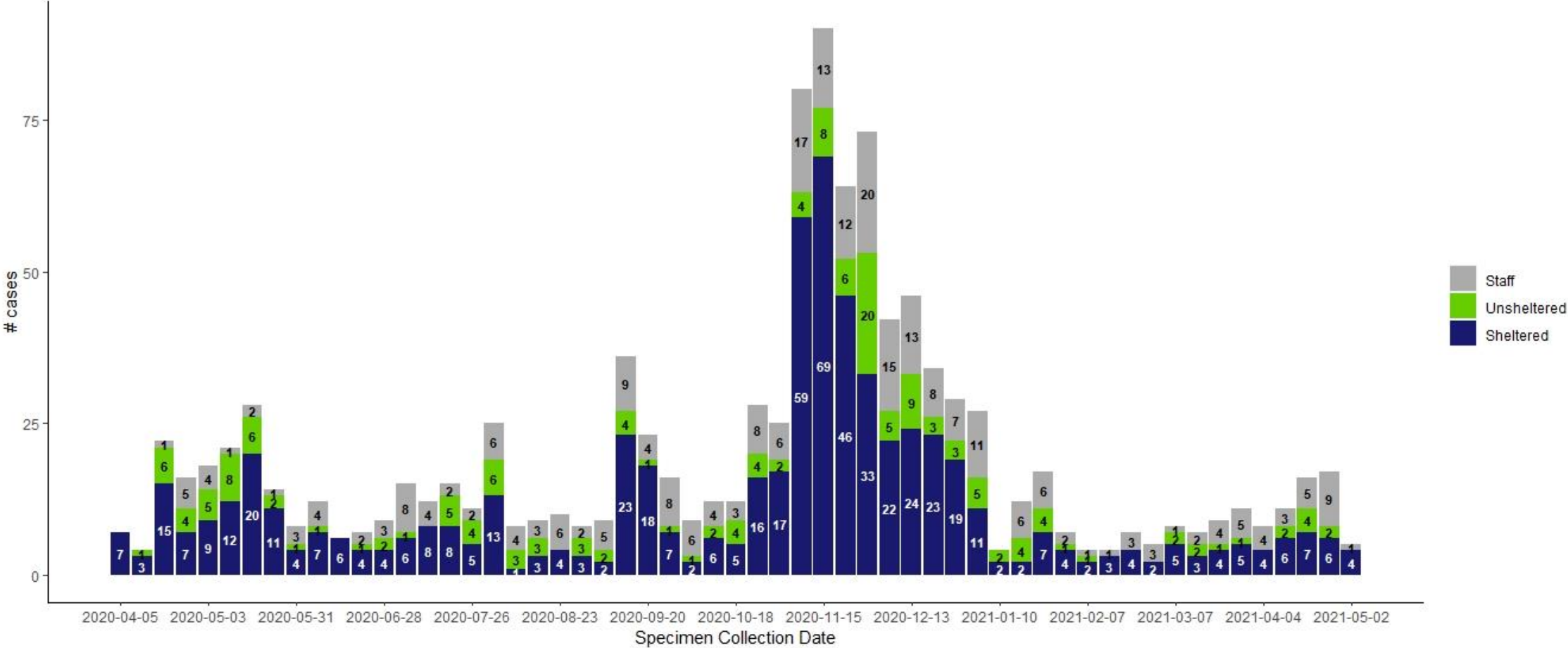


# We need your help spreading the word

- 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, 804 PEH and 288 staff have tested positive for COVID-19



Updated May 5, 2021

- [Homeless Shelters and Other Congregate Settings: Interim Guidance for Providers \(PDF\)](#)
  - Nothing new, but includes updates we've shared in the past:
    - Quarantine recommendations after traveling
    - Quarantine recommendations once you're fully vaccinated
    - COVID-19 vaccination resources
    - How to schedule vaccine events

# Additional COVID-ESP Funding

- Additional COVID-ESP available
- Approximately \$2million available
- Survey will be released in coming week
- Survey open for two weeks (not rolling)
- One-time funding



# COVID-ESP Funding Priorities

## Eligible Activities: Funds *must* be used to:

- increase access to shelter/housing for unsheltered individuals and families, **and/or**
- to support direct operations of shelter, **and/or**
- to support transition from shelter to housing.

## Need: Funds *must* be used to:

- address urgent and immediate needs in coming months (May-August).

## Purpose: Funds *must* be to:

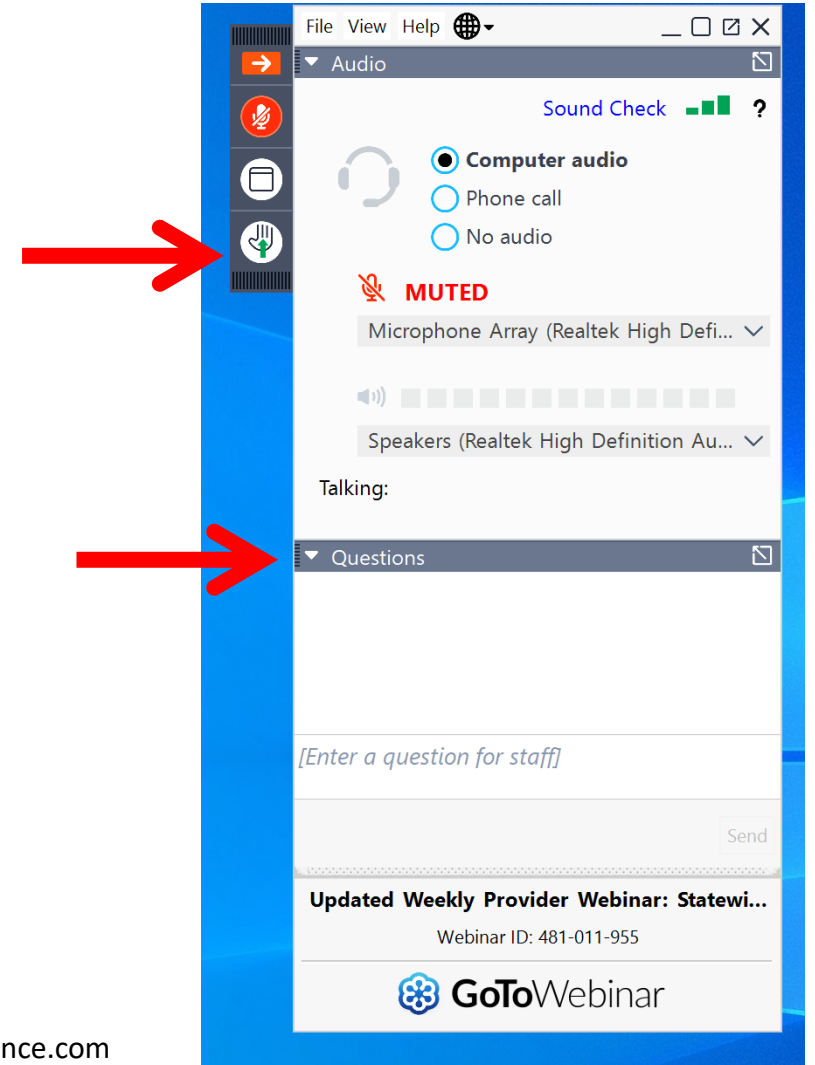
- serve as bridge to sustainable/ongoing/longer term funding, **or**
- support gradual transition to closure of COVID response activities.

# Economic Impact Payment Follow-Up

- [List of Minnesota SPEC](#) (Stakeholder Partnerships, Education, & Communications) partners with the IRS that assist with tax filing. Treasury shared EIP information with these contacts. Outreach would be needed to ask each individual organization if they are assisting people in accessing Economic Impact Payments.
- Have developed a section on the [Heading Home Alliance site](#) dedicated to information and resources on accessing Economic Impact Payments.

# Questions and answers

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## Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!