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

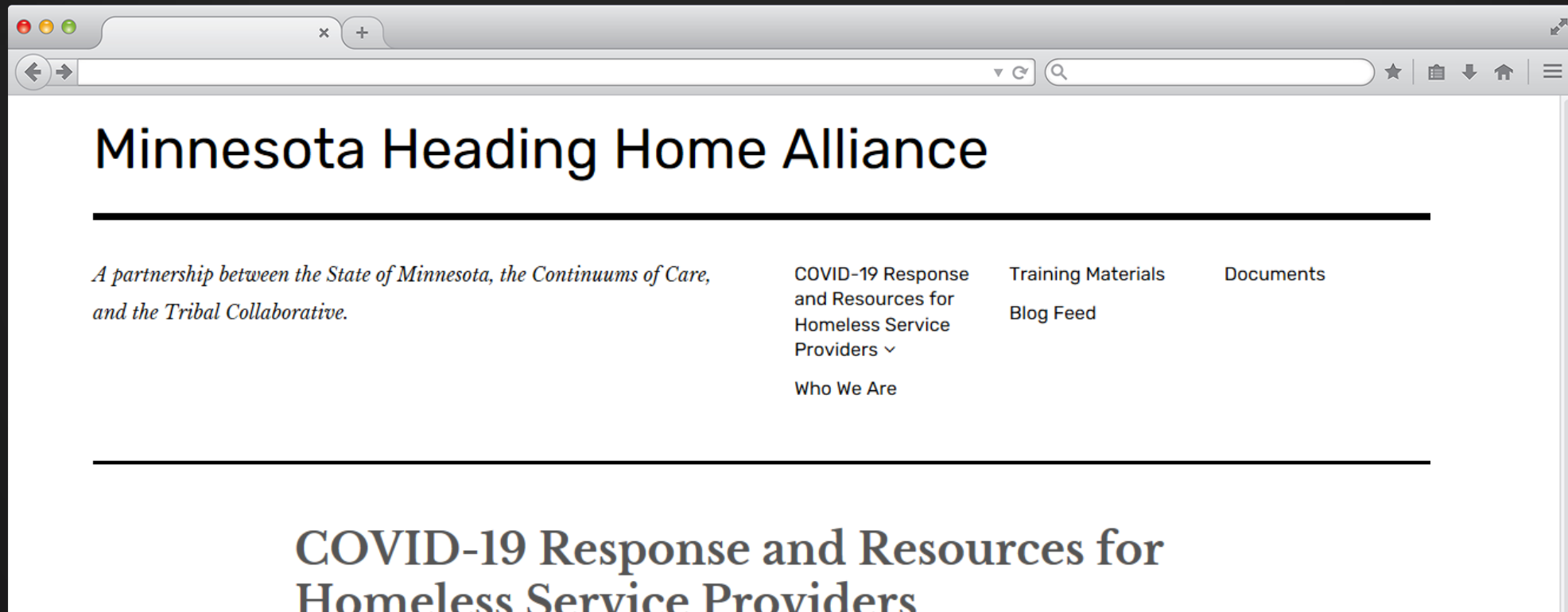
June 16, 2021

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

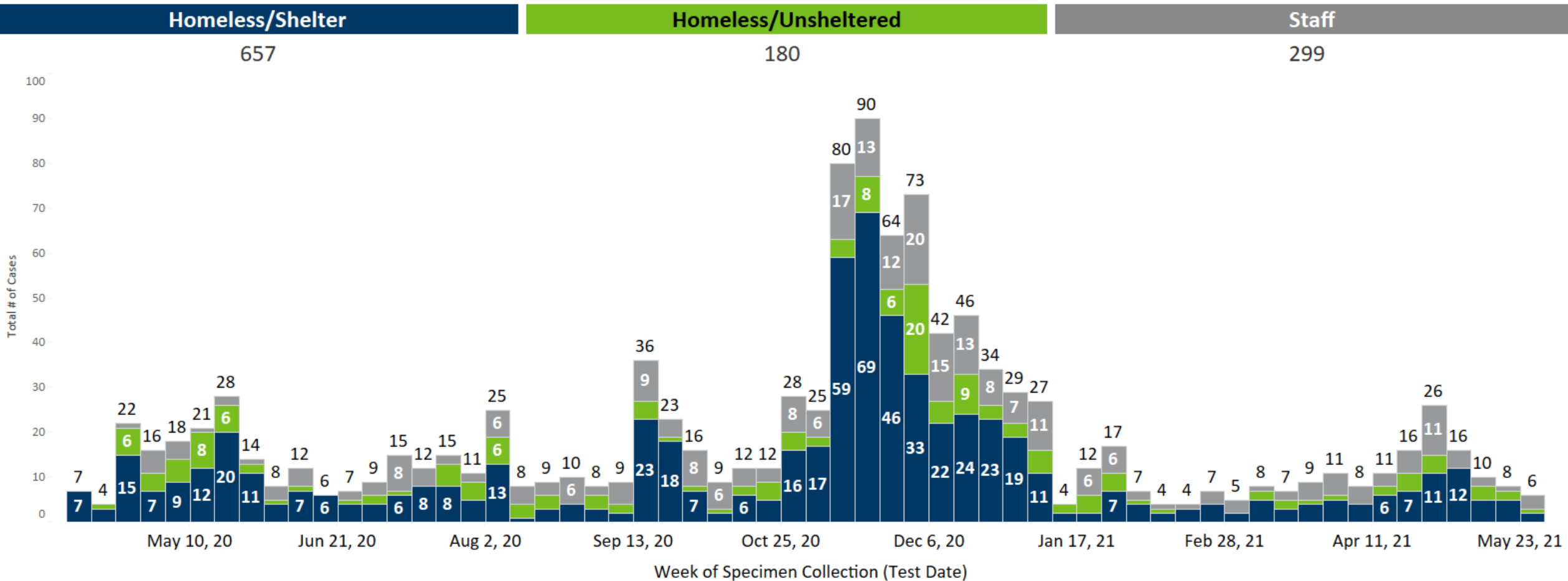
- For announcements about these calls, sign up for Minnesota Housing's eNews
- <http://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/enews>
- Select "Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness"
- **Please encourage your colleagues to do so!**

Webinar Updates

- The Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH) now has a GoTo Webinar account that we will **begin using next Wednesday, June 23.**
- Everyone who is registered for the webinars will receive an updated link from the MICH GoTo webinar email. **You do not need to re-register.**
- The next webinar Speakers Bureau will be on **Wednesday, July 7 at 1:00 p.m.**
- The July prep session has moved to **Tuesday, July 6 from 3:00-3:30 p.m.**
- Email elizabeth.dressel@state.mn.us with any questions or to sign up for the Speakers Bureau.

MDH Update: Cases Overtime

The number of new COVID-19 cases continues to decrease as more people get vaccinated and some choose not to get tested.



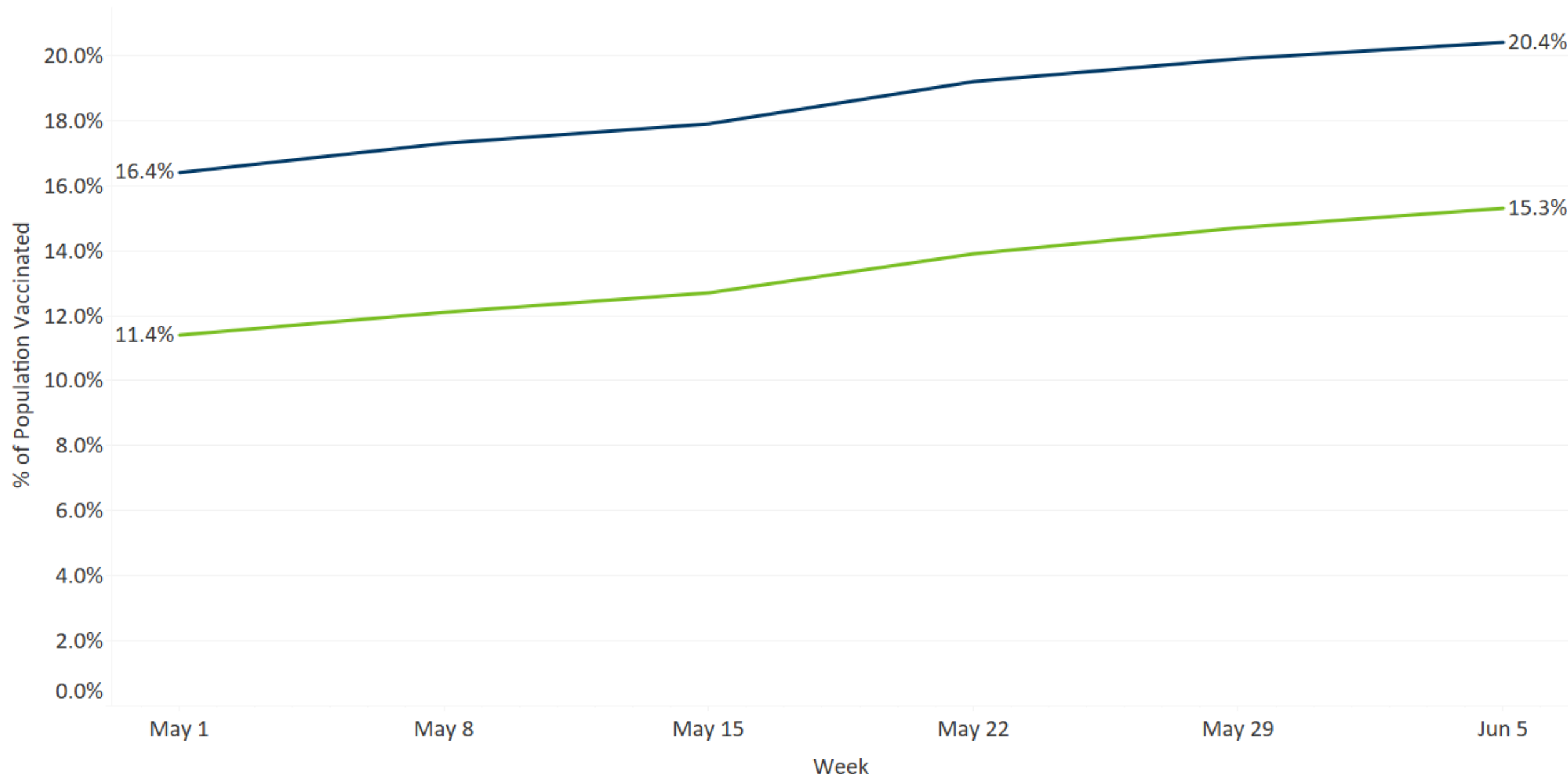
COVID-19 Vaccine Data Merge

- Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute (HHRI) Institute Homelessness and Criminal Justice lab merged HMIS and state immunization data (MIIC)
 - De-identified data matching using Hash IDs
- Data shows vaccination rates for programs in HMIS statewide for street outreach, supportive services, shelter (including hotels), and site-based transitional and permanent housing
- Data shows vaccination rates from May 1-June 6, 2021 for people active in HMIS from January 1-March 31, 2021

Data Limitations

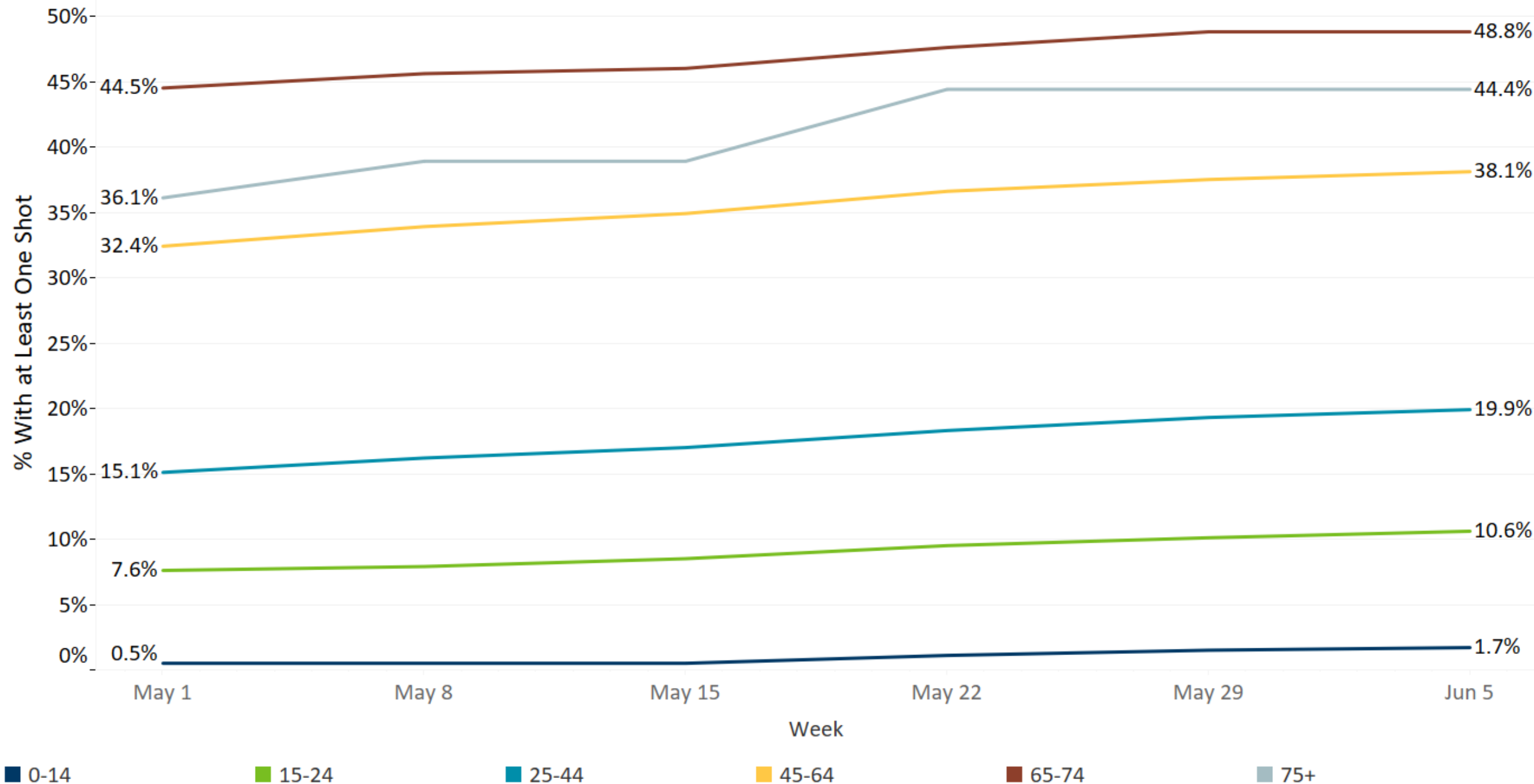
- Does not include programs that do not participate in HMIS
- Some vaccinated individuals not matched because of missing or incomplete name or date of birth data
- Not necessarily indicative of vaccination rates of people currently in homeless or permanent housing settings

Vaccination Rates by Series Completion

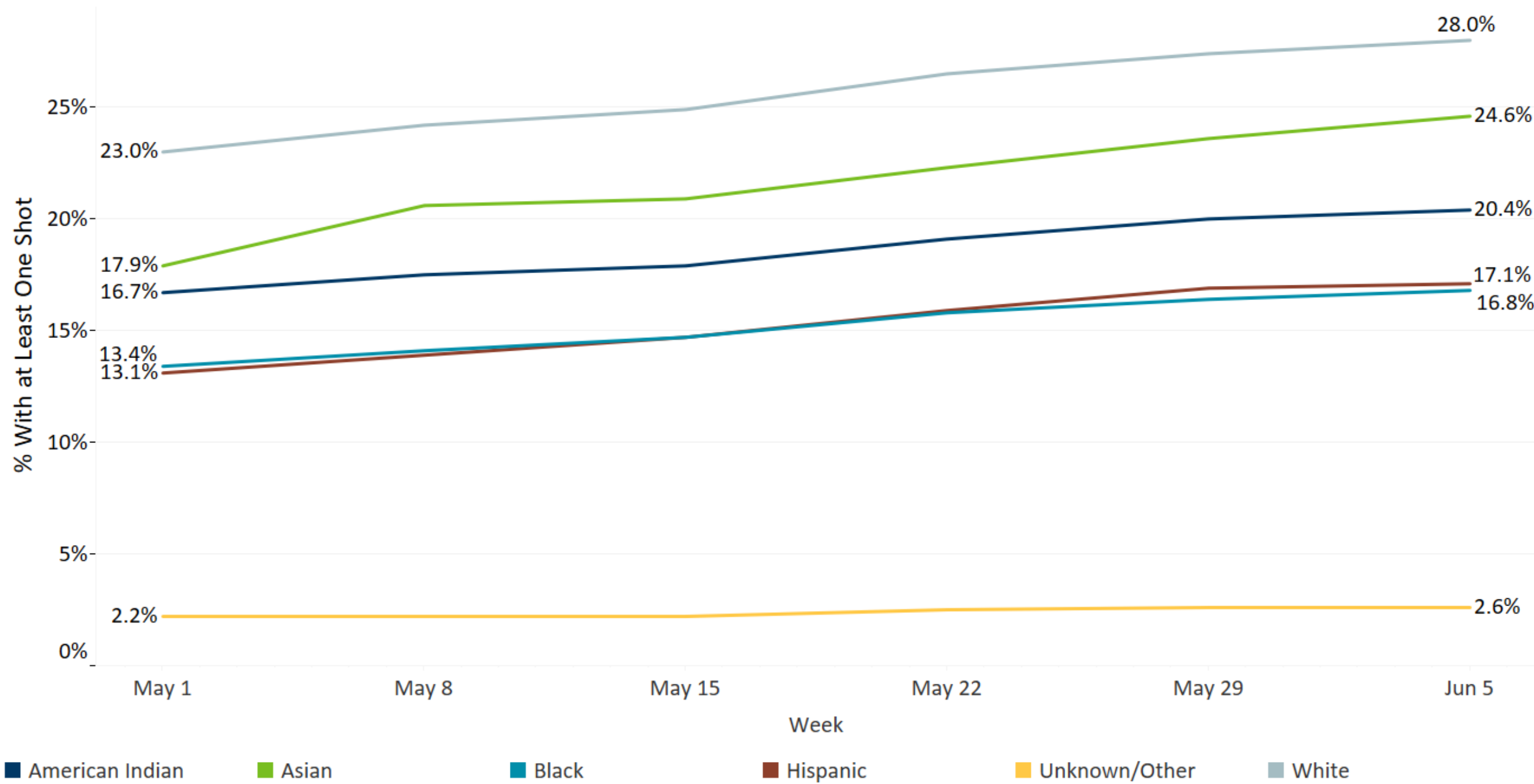


■ At Least One Shot ■ Fully Vaccinated

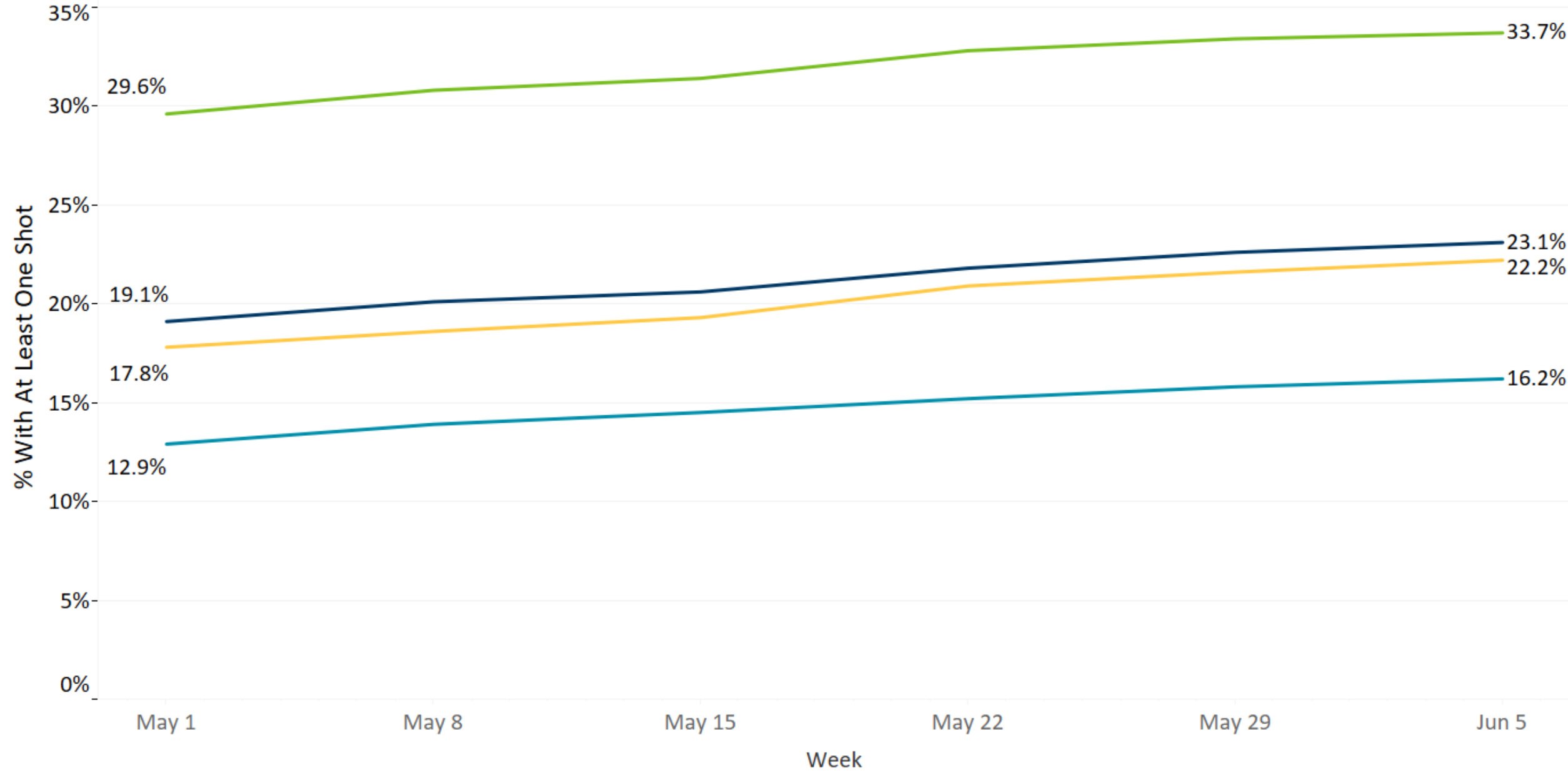
Vaccinate Rates by Age



Vaccination Rates by Race and Ethnicity

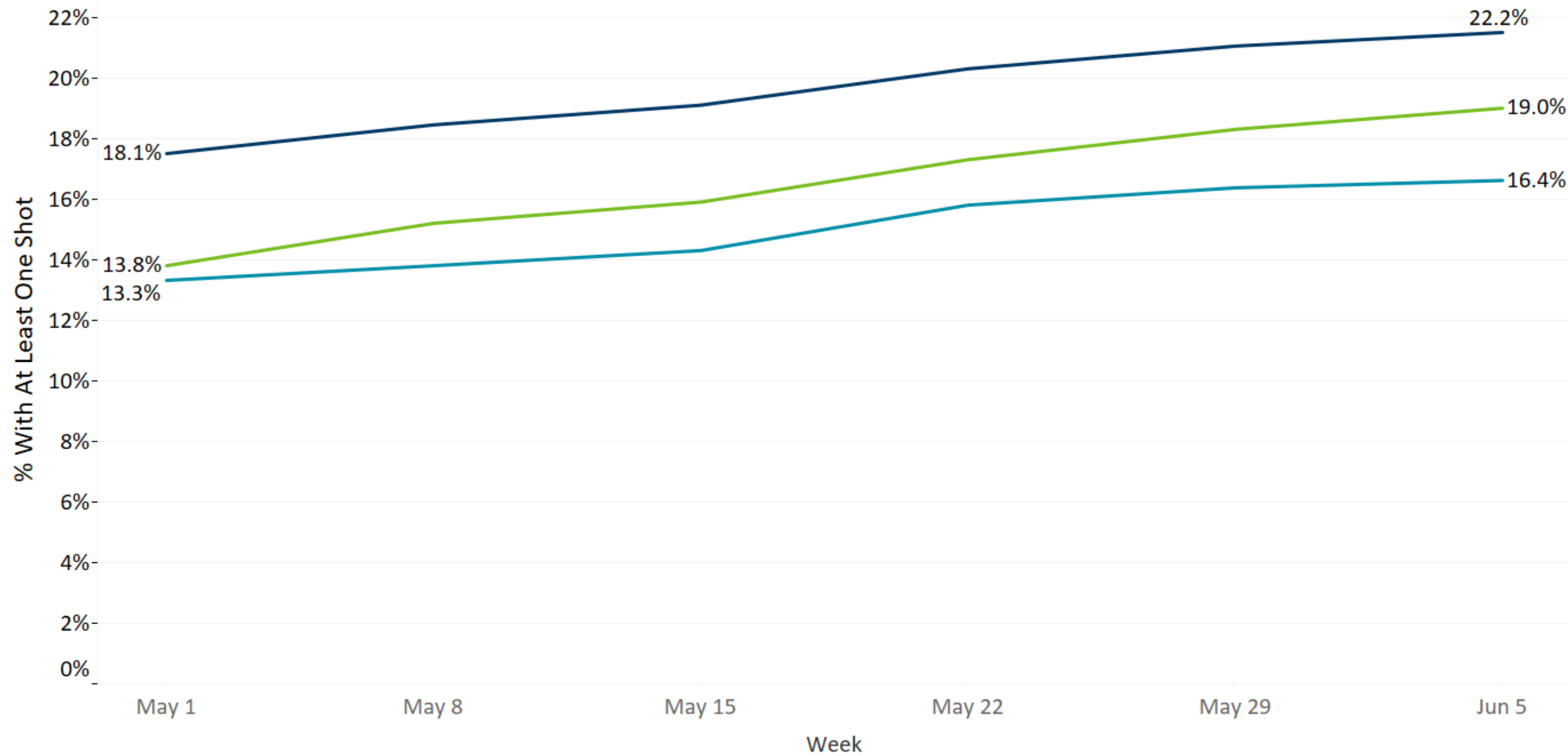


Vaccination Rates by Setting



■ Hotel ■ Emergency Shelter ■ Site Based Trans. or Perm. Housing ■ Street Outreach

Vaccination Rates by Region



■ Greater MN ■ Suburban ■ Urban

Importance of Vaccination: Delta Variant

- B.1.617.2 "Delta" - variant first detected in India
- Early studies showing higher risk of hospitalization and diminished vaccine effectiveness
- Now the dominant strain in the U.K.

Important Takeaways

- We know exactly what to do.
- Vaccination is more important than ever (this likely won't be the last variant)- all hands on deck for encouraging and guaranteeing access to vaccination

Policy Updates

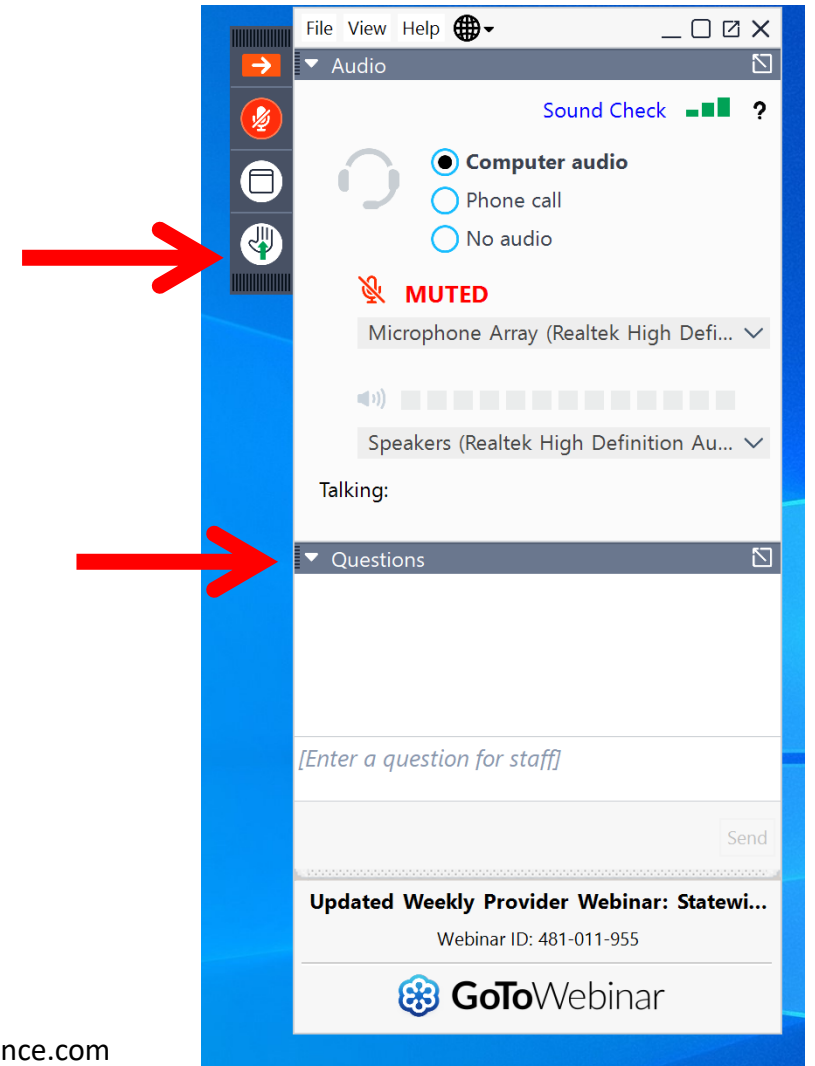
- Governor Walz signed an executive order to **extend the peacetime state of emergency** related to the COVID-19 pandemic for an additional 30 days.
- On Monday, the Governor called the Legislature for a **special session**, giving it the opportunity to act on the peacetime emergency and to pass the State budget.
- The current State budget expires on June 30. Legislative leaders have committed to resolving the budget before a **potential government shutdown on July 1**.
- Minnesota's **eviction moratorium has also been extended** with the peacetime emergency by another 30 days or until rescinded.
- The Legislature is finalizing a bill that will include an **"off-ramp" to the eviction moratorium**. While some terms have been reported by the press, actual bill language is expected soon.
- Similarly, some **budget agreements** have been reported, but bill language is expected soon.

Internal Revenue Service Non-filers Tool

- The Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [announced](#) a new tool to make it easier for people experiencing homelessness to access stimulus checks. The [Non-Filer Sign Up Tool](#) is designed to help eligible individuals and families who don't normally file income tax returns to:
 - claim Child Tax Credits granted under the American Rescue Plan;
 - register for the \$1,400 third round of Economic Impact Payments; and
 - claim the Recovery Rebate Credit for any amount of the first two rounds of Economic Impact Payments they may have missed.
- IRS information sheet ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and flyer ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)) on the third-round economic impact payments.

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Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!