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

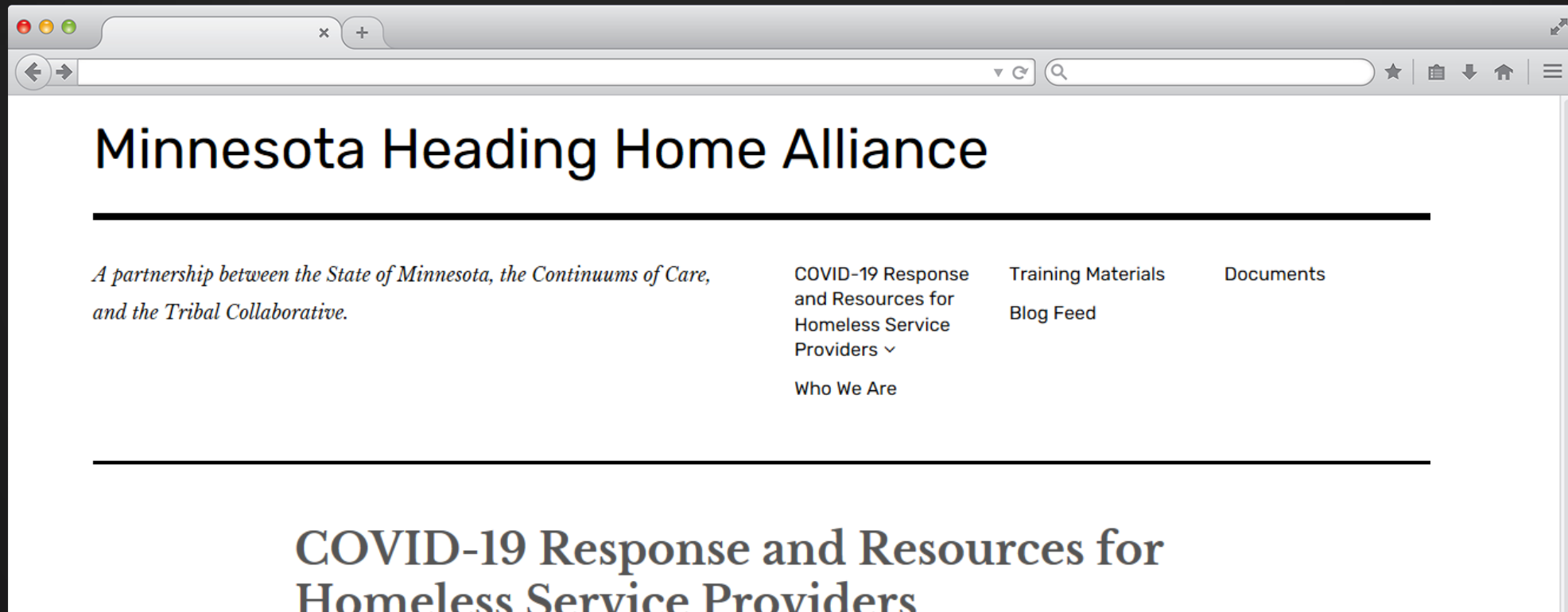
July 28, 2021

Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:30	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

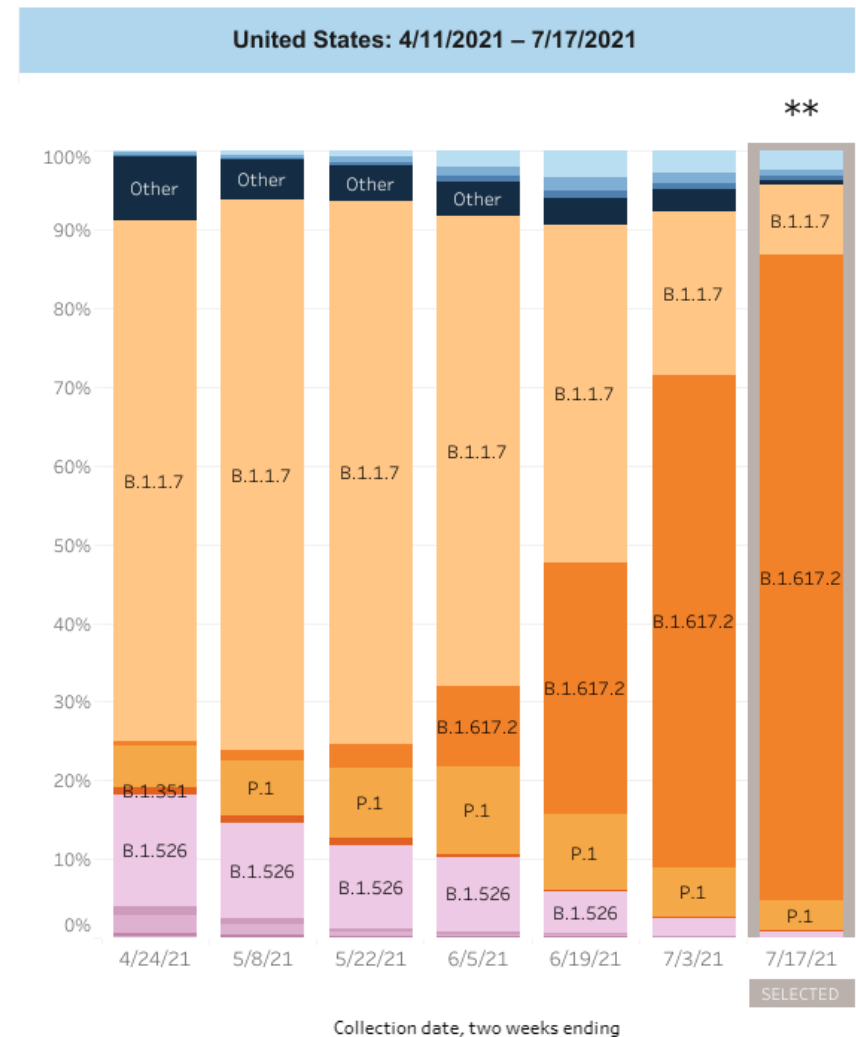
- For announcements about these calls, sign up for Minnesota Housing's eNews
- <http://www.mnhousing.gov/sites/np/enews>
- Select "Topics and Issues for Providers Serving People Experiencing Homelessness"
- **Please encourage your colleagues to do so!**

August Webinar Speakers Bureau

- The next webinar Speakers Bureau will be on **Wednesday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m.**
- The August prep session will be **Tuesday, August 3 from 3:00-3:30 p.m.**
- There is still space to sign up to share! Help us spread the word about this opportunity. Check out this [flyer](#) for more details.
- Email elizabeth.dressel@state.mn.us or call 651-248-5548 with any questions or to sign up for the Speakers Bureau.

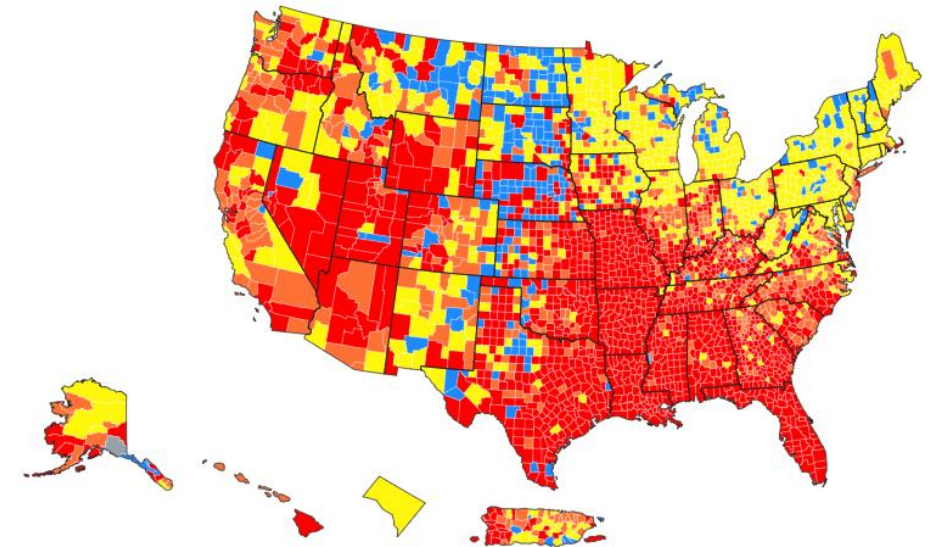
B.1.617.2 (Delta) Variant

- Predominant variant in the United States and Minnesota
- More contagious, spreads twice as easily as other strains of the virus
- Vaccines are working—they're preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths



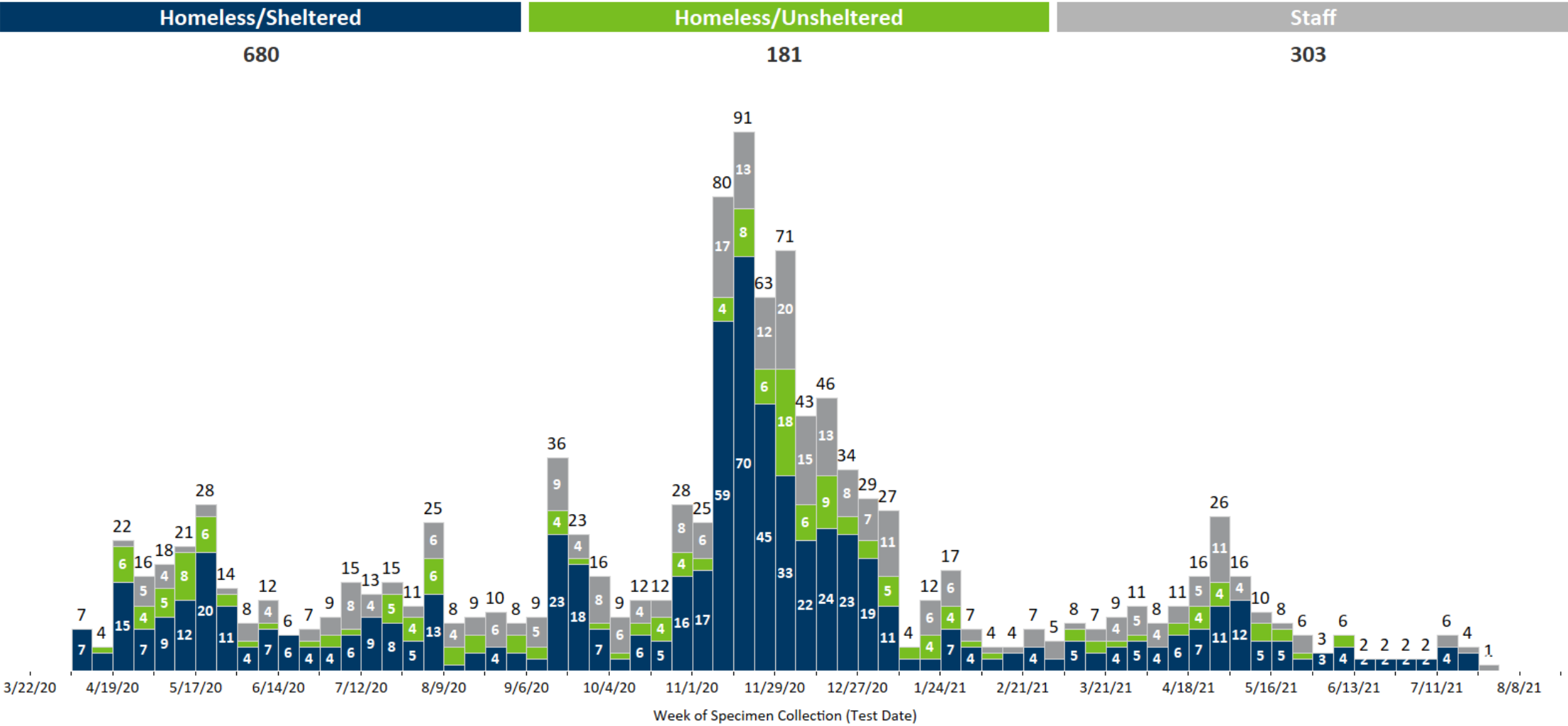
CDC Guidance Changes for Fully Vaccinated People

- Fully vaccinated people should wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.
- Fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.



● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

MN Homeless Cases



Guidance for Shelters

- Continue masking and social distancing inside shelters and homeless service settings, even when fully vaccinated
- Consider rolling back any changes you made when cases were low (e.g., allowing staff to remove masks in meeting rooms, breakrooms)
- Encourage staff and clients/residents to get vaccinated
- Report cases to MDH or local public health as soon as possible, so we can respond early

Trusted Messengers

- Vaccine peer education program for homeless and congregate settings
- Participating organizations will receive funding from ACER (African Career Education and Resources, Inc.) to compensate Trusted Messengers
- Trusted Messengers will receive training and support from MDH and MICAH
- Interested organizations should reach out to Sue Watlov Phillips (sue@micah.org) by Wednesday August 4th

Heading Home Corps is an AmeriCorps

WHAT IS AMERICORPS?

75,000
PEOPLE
STRONG

SERVING
COMMUNITIES
ACROSS THE
NATION



Why We're Here

- There are more people than ever experiencing homelessness in Minnesota: single night counts increased by 10% between 2015-2018
- Black and African American individuals account for $\frac{2}{3}$ of all homeless individuals despite making up only 12.4% of the general population
- The pandemic has put



The Need For People Power

- There are large wait times for housing and a pressing need for more resource navigation
- Success of over 70 individuals serving to support people experiencing homelessness in Emergency Response Initiative
- Personalized, individualized support leads to greater success with housing goals



Goal of Heading Home Corps

- All individuals deserve to have access to safe and secure housing
- We know that individual needs vary from person to person and that there is potential in assisting individuals with connecting to appropriate resources
- We believe that AmeriCorps can provide the needed people power to support the increasing number of individuals who need housing and resource support

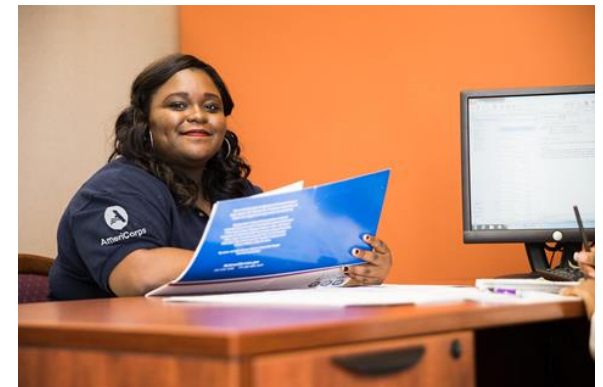
What Housing Resource Navigators Do

- AmeriCorps members serve as **Housing Resource Navigators** to:
 - Work with individuals who are experiencing homelessness
 - Establish trusting relationships and individuals and use motivational interviewing skills
 - Provide individualized planning, goal-setting, action planning, and support
 - Meet immediate needs of participants, provide resources, and connect to opportunities
- **Ultimate goal:** help individuals experiencing homelessness obtain safe housing and needed resources



Navigator Service Commitment

- Members serve 40 hours per week from September 13, 2021 - July 30, 2022 at their service site.
- In exchange for their service, members are paid \$750 once every two weeks, pre tax.
- Members are eligible for healthcare and childcare benefits.
- Members also receive an education award of up to \$6,345 at the end of their service term.



Member Training

- Homelessness 101 and the landscape of homelessness in Minnesota
- AmeriCorps requirements
- Motivational Interviewing
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Historic and Racial Trauma
- Monthly coaching and case scenarios
- Corps Days (additional professional development)
- Onboarding and site-specific training

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

We are especially interested in recruiting members with lived experience.

- **Service Commitment**

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

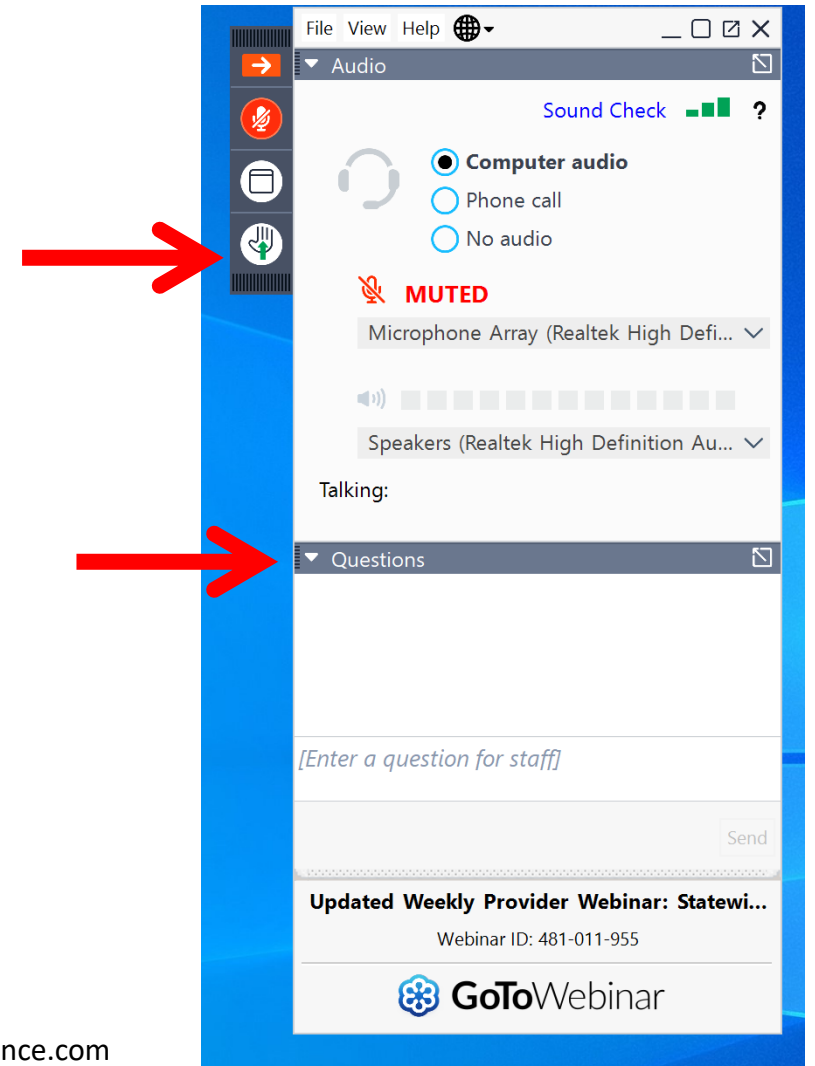
For September 13 start date, applicants need to **apply by August 25**

More Information

- Learn more at: <https://www.servetogrow.org/headinghome>
- Questions? Feel free to reach out! headinghome@servetogrow.org

Questions and answers

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Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!