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

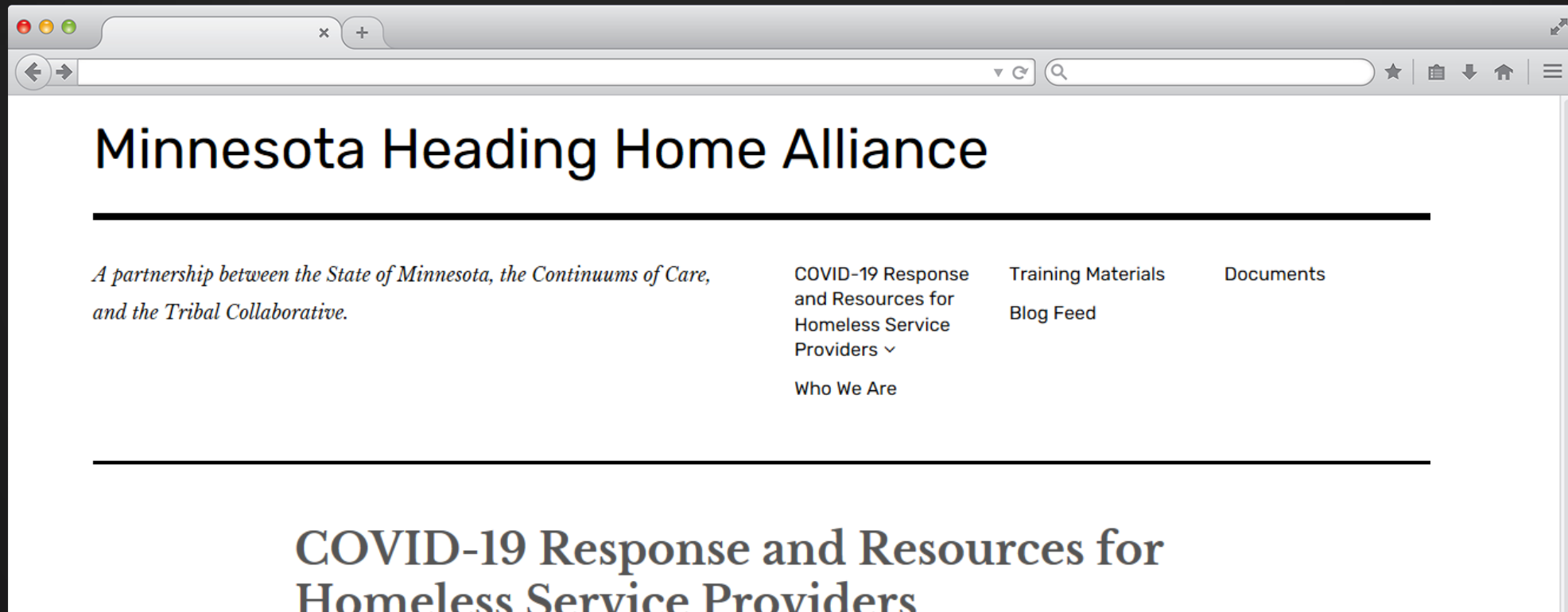
August 18, 2021

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/>



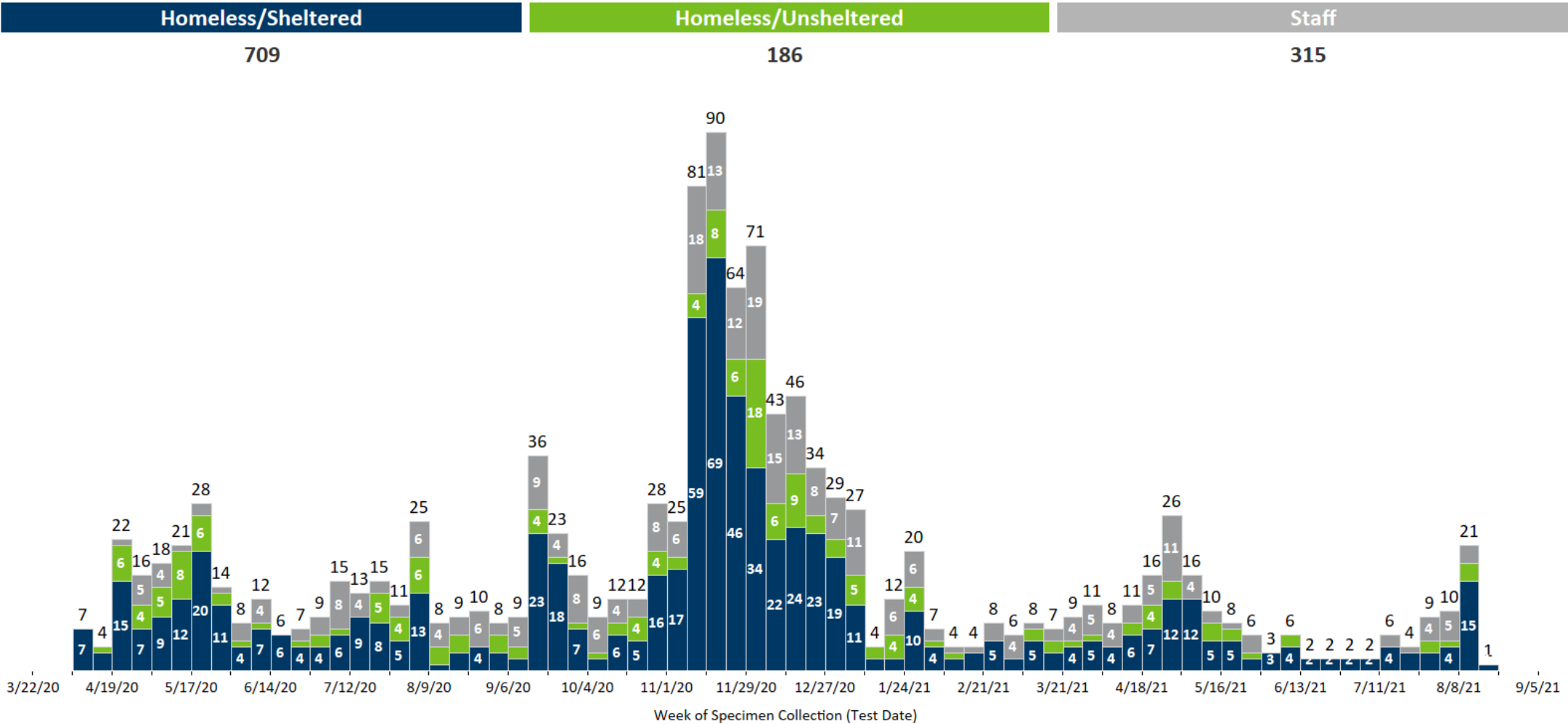
We need your help spreading the word

- 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!**
- Please note we are having some issues with newsletters ending up in junk or spam folders.

September Webinar Speakers Bureau

- The next webinar Speakers Bureau has shifted one week and will be on **Wednesday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m.**
- The September prep session will be on **Tuesday, September 7 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.

MDH Cases Over Time



As soon as you learn of a case...

- Report any increase in staff or client illness to MDH immediately, even if you're still waiting for test results.
- If you have any circumstances that ***limit your ability to sustain ongoing shelter operations or respond to any situation onsite***, you need to contact your local public health department or local emergency manager. Find your [local public health department here](#) and your [local emergency manager here](#).
- Start symptom screening for all staff and clients/residents. Some sites have started symptom screening at program entrances this morning. Staff have also been paying close attention to how guests have been feeling and have pulled people who appear to be unwell aside for a more expansive screening.
- Limit the number of people who can be in a communal spaces at the same time and close spaces where social distancing is difficult (dining, television, game rooms, etc.).
- Offer testing. We are recommending offering testing if there is a single staff or client case on-site.

USICH Released CDC Informed Guidance

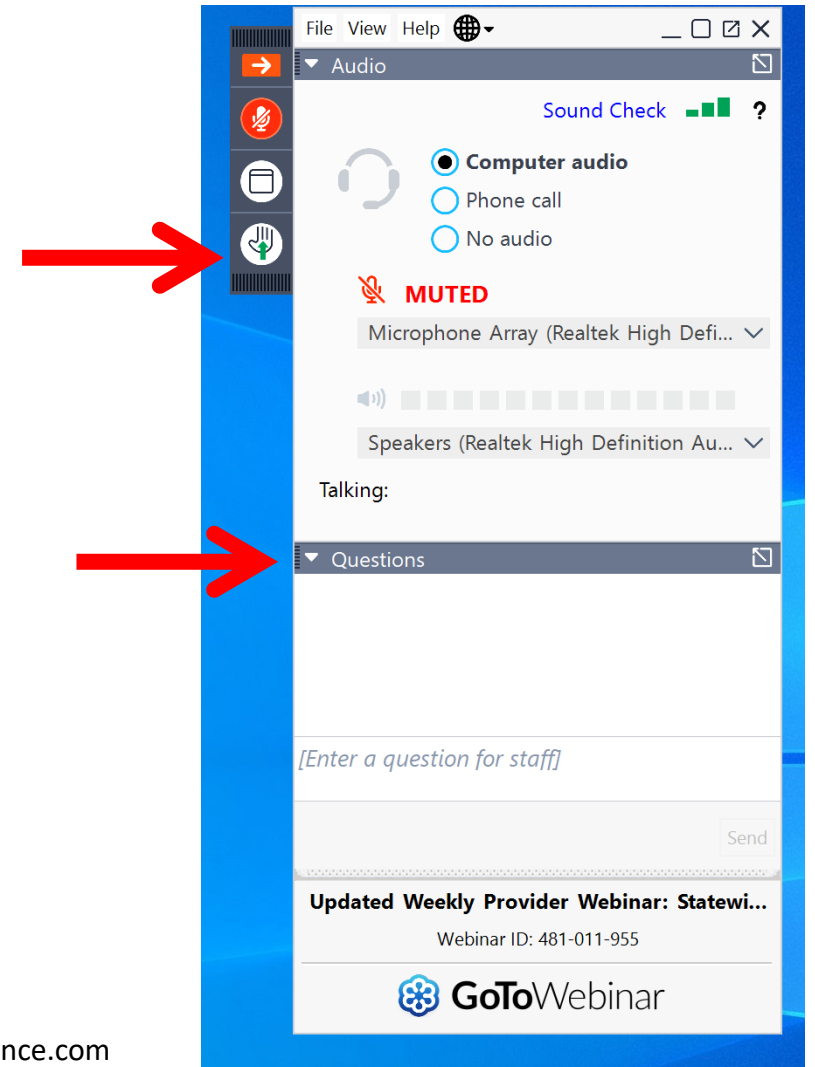
- The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) [released CDC informed guidance](#) to help communities minimize the spread and impact of Delta.
- It recommends the **tools that we know work:**
 - Encourage and support vaccinations.
 - Strengthen routine testing, especially in congregate facilities.
 - Continue to use COVID-specific non-congregate shelter (NCS) for people who test positive, were exposed, or are at high risk of severe illness or death.
 - Maintain or re-institute COVID-19 mitigation protocols.
 - Continue to rehouse as many people as possible.

Peer to Peer Conversation About Vaccine Requirements

- Join a conversation with your peers to talk about vaccine requirements for staff next **Tuesday, August 24 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.**
- You do not need to register. At the meeting time, [click here to join](#) a Teams meeting on your computer or mobile device, or you can call in for audio only, 651-395-7448 and enter conference ID 31612581.
- To support the opportunity to connect with peers, our team has organized the time and will manage the technology, but there will be no formal presentation or recommendation from the state. This is an open space for you to talk with your peers about mandating vaccines.

Questions and answers

- We will try to get to every question we can.
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Closing remarks and adjourn

Thank you!