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

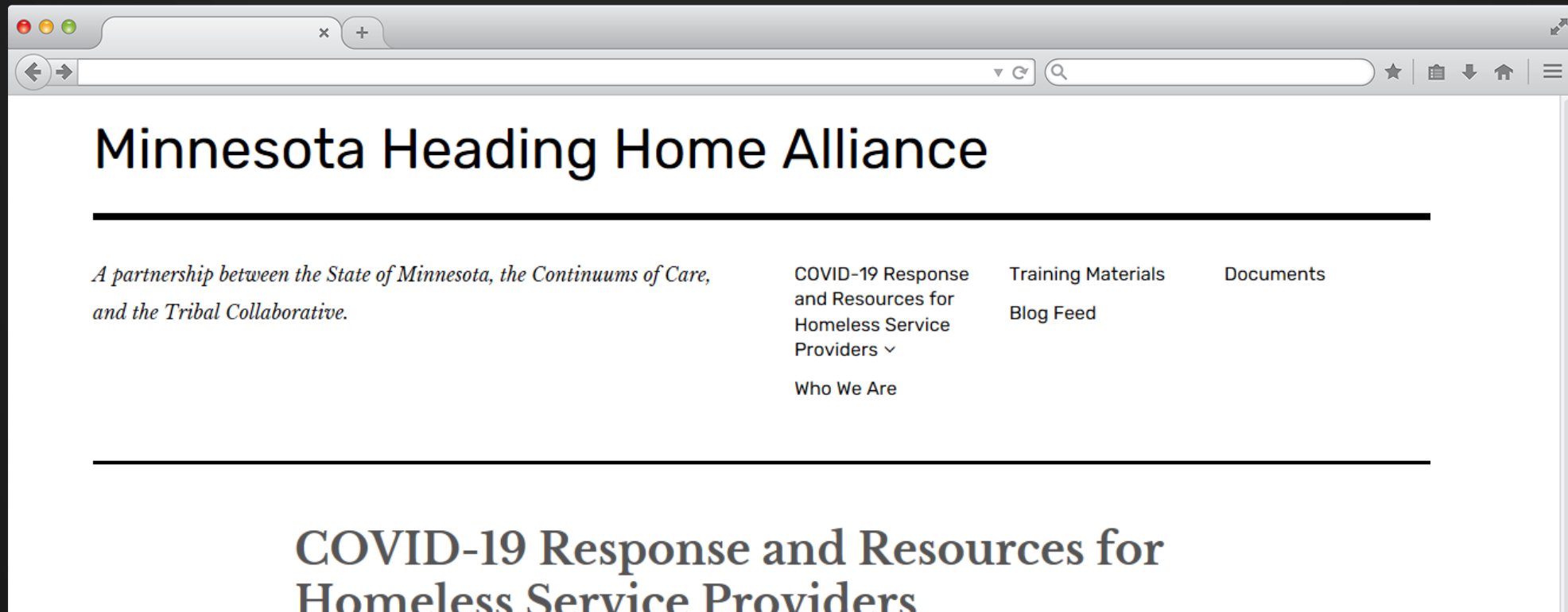
September 29, 2021

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/>



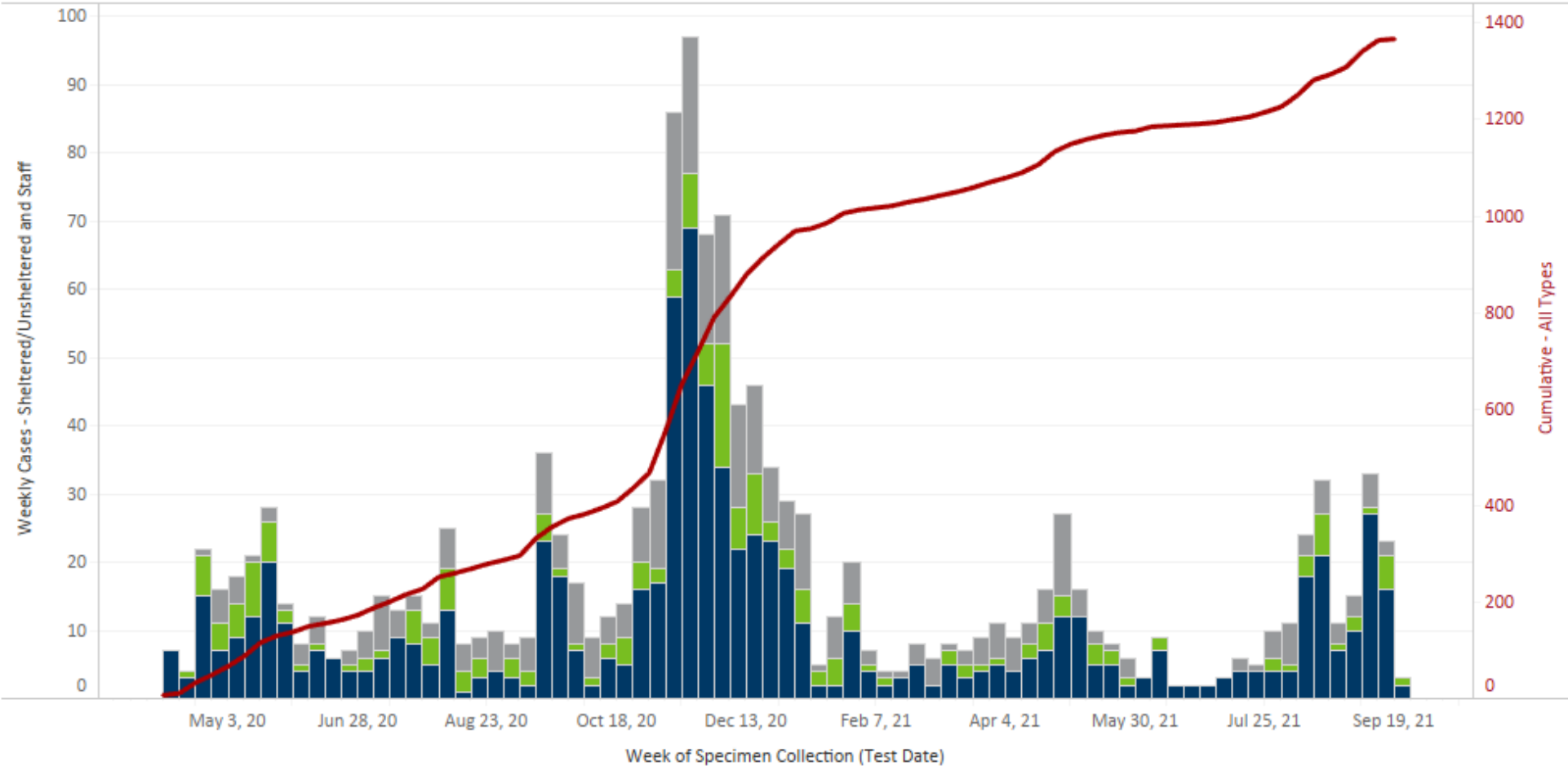
We need your help spreading the word

- 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.

MDH Cases Over Time

WEEKLY COVID+ CASES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND SHELTER STAFF

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Thank you, Lauren!



What you should know about Pfizer-BioNTech boosters

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced recommendations on COVID-19 booster shots for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- Adults who completed their Pfizer vaccine series at least six months ago *should* receive a booster if they are age:
 - 65 or older;
 - 50-64 and have [underlying medical conditions](#); or
 - 18 and over and live in Long-Term Care settings.
- Adults who work or reside in higher-risk settings, including homeless shelters, and completed their Pfizer vaccine series at least 6 months ago *can* receive a booster shot.
- If you think you are eligible based on this criteria, you should consult with your healthcare provider about receiving a booster shot. Pharmacies and other healthcare providers will offer booster shots to individuals based on their attestation of eligibility.

Vaccine Incentives

- MDH contractors have \$100 Visa gift cards to incentivize first shots—will be hosting combined flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinics this fall
- The Minnesota Council on Foundations established a \$300,000 fund, administered by the American Indian Community Development Corporation, to support COVID-19 vaccination incentives and education for people experiencing homelessness and other at-risk populations.
- Flexible uses including cash incentives, gift cards, raffles, food, the production of marketing and educational materials, and covering staff time related to COVID-19 vaccination efforts. The funds can be used for first shots, second shots, or boosters.
- Organizations can apply for these funds through an [online survey](#).
- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis while funds are available. Funding decisions will be made within 2-weeks of proposal submission. All funds must be expended by June 30th, 2022. If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact Josh Leopold (josh.leopold@state.mn.us) or Mike Goze (mgoze@aicdc-mn.gov).

COVID Response Funding

- **\$15 million to modify shelters or acquire new shelter space.**
 - Improve the ability of shelter settings to prevent transmission of infectious diseases through modifications or by acquiring new space.
 - Administered by the DHS-Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) through a competitive RFP process. RFP likely released early Winter, 2021.
 - Funding available until June 30, 2023.
- **\$10 million for outbreak response in temporary congregate settings.**
 - Funds prioritized for targeted, immediate outbreak response activities. Distributed through OEO at the direction of the MN Department of Health (MDH).
 - Distributed through a rapid application process.
 - More specific information on how/where to make a request coming in next two weeks.
 - Funding available until June 30, 2023.

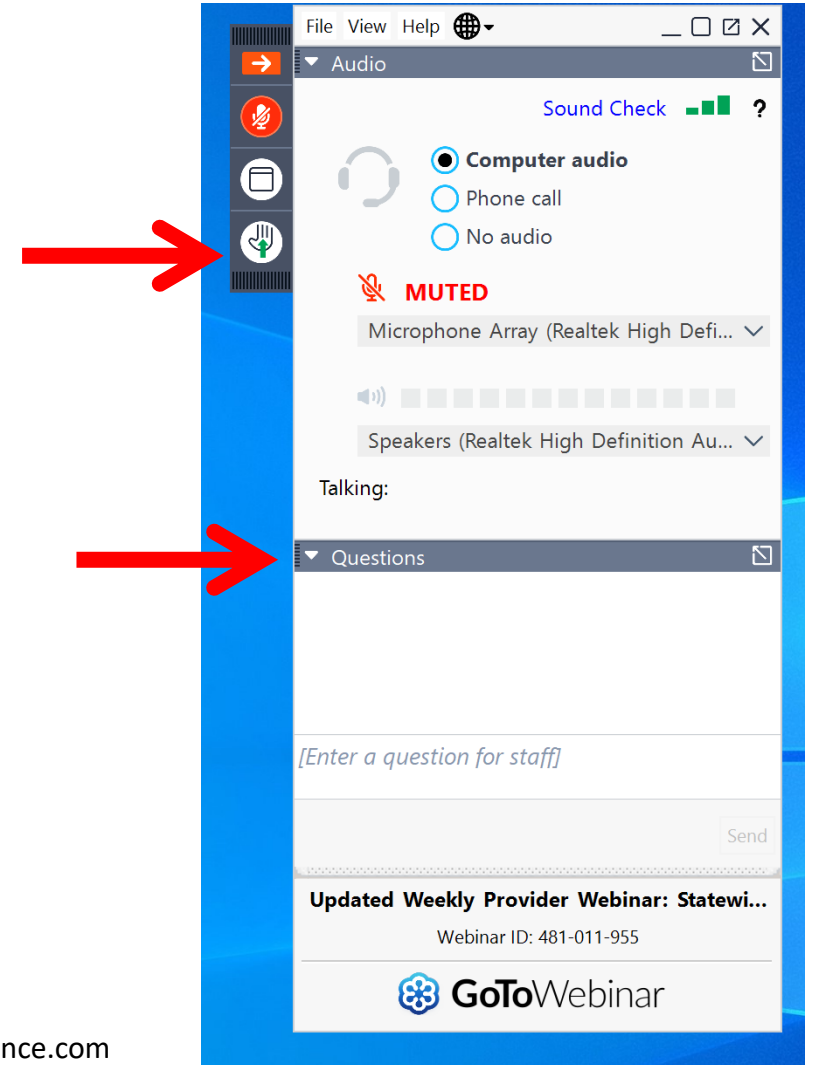
American Rescue Plan resources

- National Alliance to End Homelessness' [Resource Series: Using COVID-19 Federal Funding to End Homelessness](#) and [funding summary chart](#)
- The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness' [Guide to American Rescue Plan Funding](#)
- HUD's webinars on [HOME-ARP](#)
- Share your thoughts about how \$1.15 billion in State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) should be allocated during 2022 legislative session. Deadline is TOMORROW (9/30/2021) via this [form](#) (also available in [Hmong](#), [Somali](#), and [Spanish](#)).
- [ARP funding allocated to jurisdictions in Minnesota](#)

Full details available in [yesterday's newsletter](#).

Questions and answers

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