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

December 15, 2021

Agenda

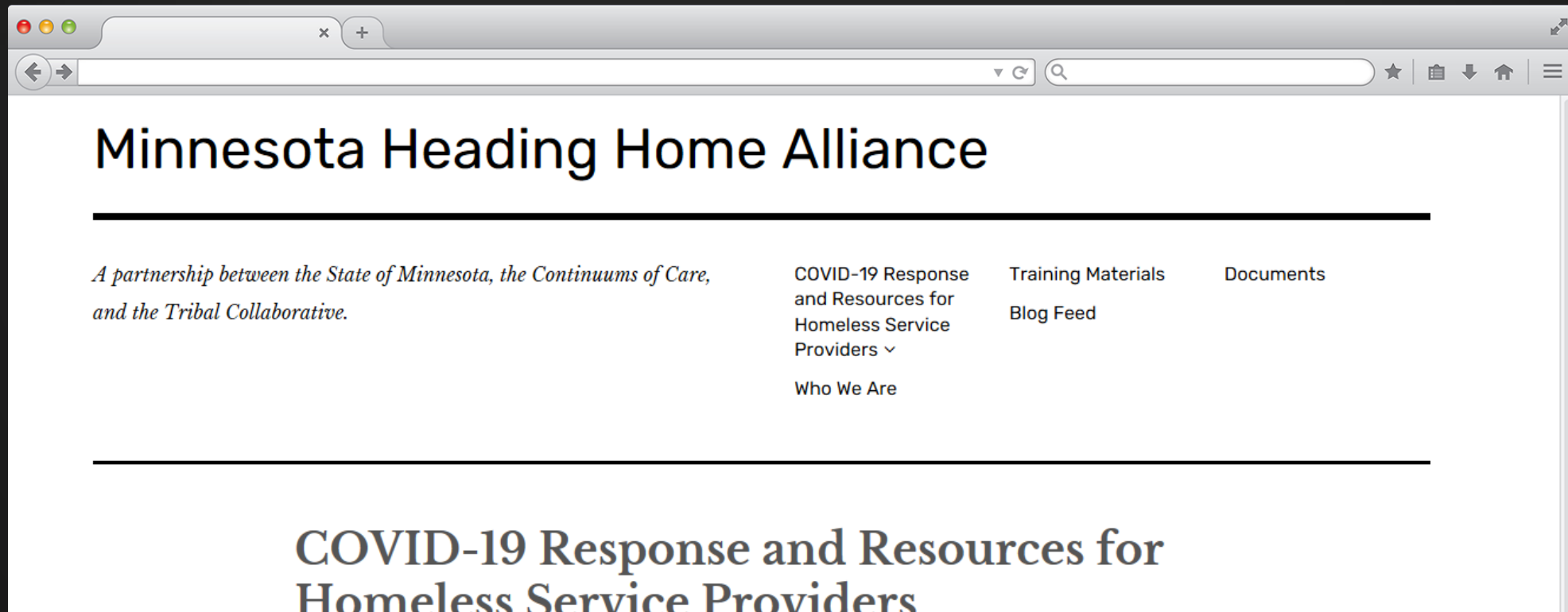
Time	Topic
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and opening remarks
1:05 – 1:30	Updates from the State of Minnesota
1:30 – 1:55	Questions and answers
1:55 – 2:00	Closing remarks and adjourn

Schedule Updates

- Last webinar for 2021 will be next week on December 22, 2021.
- **The webinar on December 29, 2021 is cancelled.**
- Speakers Bureau will be pushed out one week to January 12, 2022. The prep session will be on Tuesday, January 11, 2022.
- No December peer-to-peer conversation. The next conversation will be on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and the discussion topic is supporting and motivating staff.

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!**

MDH Update

Homeless/Sheltered

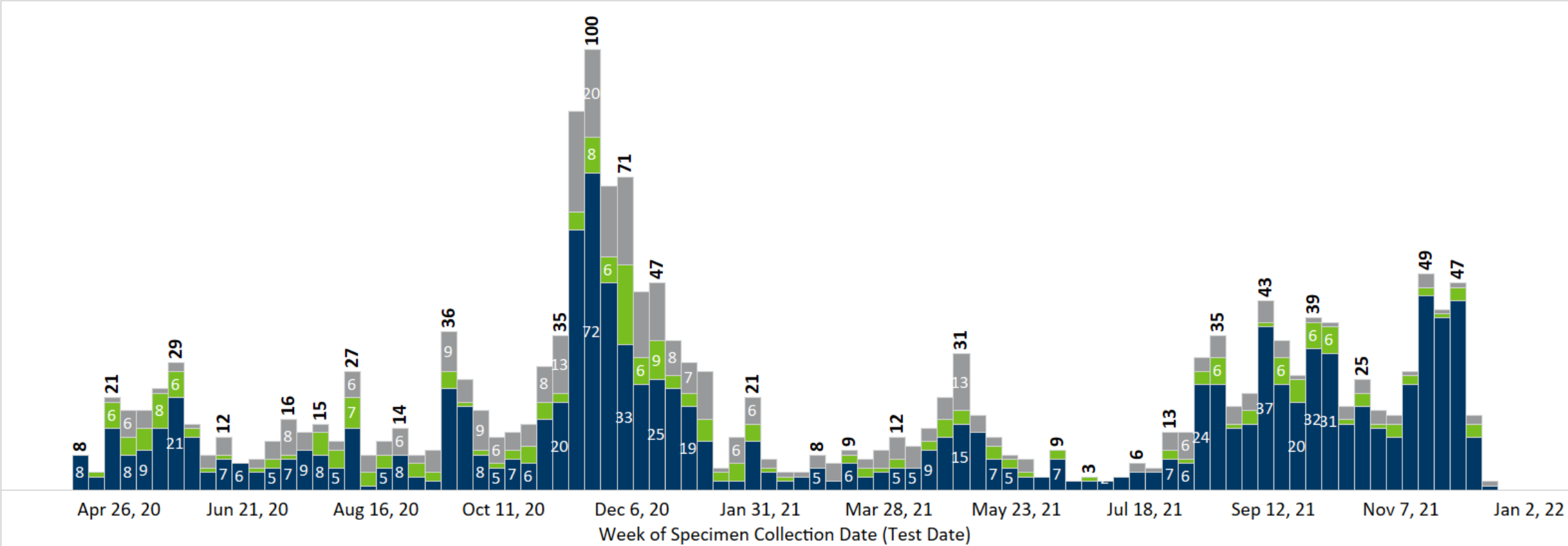
1,196

Homeless/Unsheltered

242

Staff

395



STAY SAFE MN

Point-in-Time Count

MDH Congregate Living Response Team for COVID-19

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Planning Phase

- Have individuals conducting the count:
 - **Show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination, or**
 - **Present proof of a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours.**
- Procure medical masks (surgical, KN95) to have available for people conducting the count, and extra masks for interviewees.
 - Organizers should also consider having eye protection/face shields, gloves, and hand sanitizer available.
 - Check with emergency managers for PPE supplies:
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/contact/Pages/county-emergency-managers.aspx>
- Recommend people conducting the count get their COVID-19 boosters and a Flu shot.
- Check with local public health departments and Public Health Preparedness Consultants for your area: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/about/org/ch/epr/phpc/index.html>

During the Count

- Screen participants for symptoms at beginning of event and consider rapid-testing.
- Have participants offer masks to interviewees.
- Masks should be required at any time physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - Because community transmission rates are high, participants should also consider wearing eye protection/face shields, and gloves.
- Hand sanitizer should be provided and used between interactions.
- In vehicles, participants should remain masked.
- Ideally, organizers would keep track of who works together, and who they interview in case contact tracing measures are needed in the future. Organizers should make sure to collect contact information for the same reason.

After the Count

- Participants should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after the count. If symptoms develop, they should stay home and get tested for COVID-19.
- Participants should consider getting tested 5-7 days after the count.
- If someone tests positive after the event, they are encouraged to report their status to MDH and organizers in order to conduct contact tracing and share exposure notifications.

- The docket app can help check vaccination records:
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/immunize/miic/records.html>
- Transportation Guidance:
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/guidetransport.pdf>
- Consider having vaccine or COVID-19 referral information available for participants to hand out as needed.
 - <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/materials/index.html>
 - <https://headinghomealliance.com/covid-19-vaccine-information/>

Thank you!

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Shelter Outbreak Funding

Fiscal Recover Funds (FRF) Summary

- \$10 million
- COVID-19 Response in Shelters
- Focus on active outbreaks in shelter (3+ confirmed cases)

Eligible Uses To-Date:

- Wages for Staff to Isolate/Quarantine
- Isolation/Quarantine
- Emergency Staffing
- Hazard Pay
- Other

NEW-Expanded Use to Include Isolation/Quarantine Space **Not Necessarily Connected to Active Outbreak**

Isolation/Quarantine Space Non-Outbreak Related

OPTION 1

• Standing Isolation/Quarantine Space

- Space would serve a geographic area where there are one or more shelters, and no other community isolation/quarantine spaces exists
- Available to any person experiencing homelessness who would otherwise go to shelter but are unable due to testing positive or being directly exposed
- For people staying in a shelter or who are trying to access shelter but must Isolate/Quarantine before accessing due to:
 - Tested positive,
 - Direct contact with someone who tested positive, OR
 - Is symptomatic and waiting test results.

OPTION 2

• Provider-Specific Isolation/Quarantine Space

- Isolation/Quarantine space for someone staying in your shelter or someone who is trying to access your shelter, must isolate or quarantine because they:
 - Tested positive,
 - Direct contact with someone who tested positive, OR
 - Is symptomatic and waiting test results.
- Funding available regardless of outbreak status at shelter
- No other existing community isolation/quarantine space is available in the area

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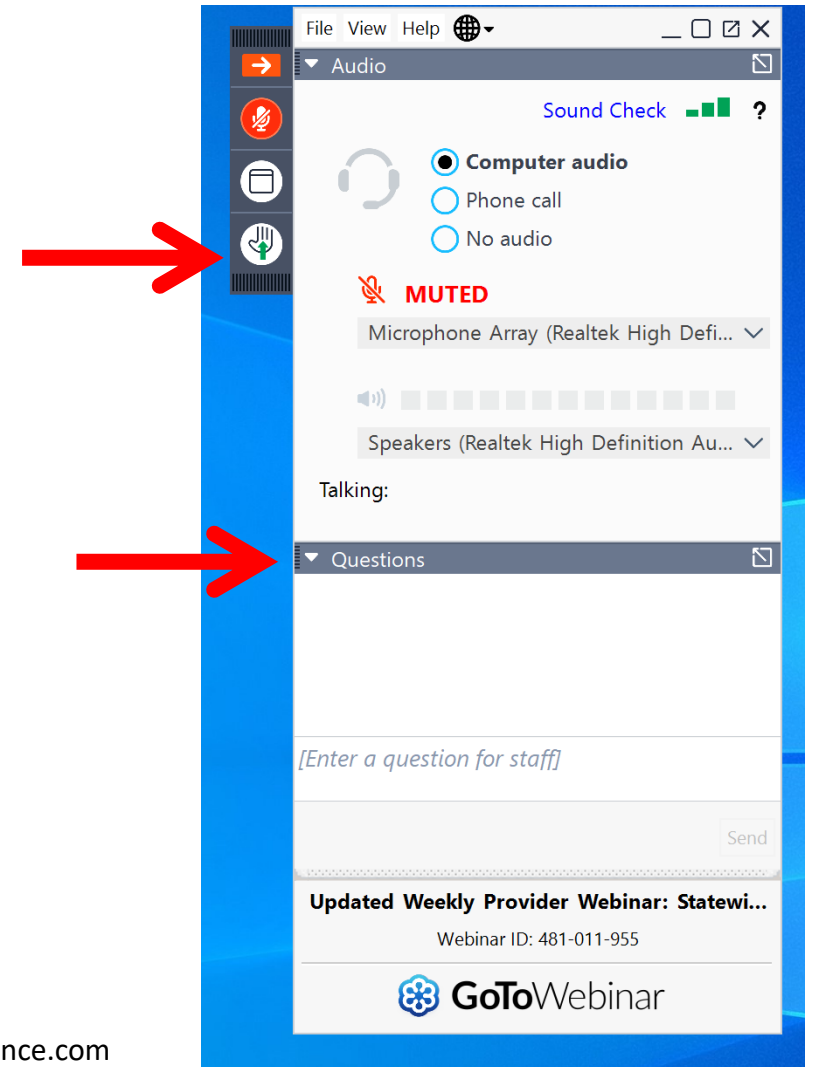
- The survey to request funding, details on eligible uses, and frequently asked questions can be found on the [Heading Home Alliance website](#).
- **The survey will be updated on Monday, December 20 to include the new isolation and quarantine eligible uses.**
- If you have additional questions, please email andrea.simonett@state.mn.us

Join the 37th Annual Homelessness Memorial

- Simpson Housing Services is hosting the 37th Annual Homeless Memorial on **Thursday, December 16** to honor the Minnesotans who died while homeless this year.
- The Service of Remembrance will be held virtually at 7:00 p.m. and will be livestreamed on Simpson Housing Services Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/simpsonhousing/>
- Find more details on the event on [Simpson's event page](#)

Questions and answers

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