

# Hennepin County COVID-19 Response

# AGENDA

1. Introduction- David Hough, County Administrator
2. Organizational update– Dan Rogan, Assistant County Administrator
3. Administrator update- David Hough, County Administrator
  - Pandemic relief actions – funded by CARES Act
  - Pandemic relief actions - other

# Organizational response update

Dan Rogan, Assistant County Administrator-Operations

# Key Statistics: Local and global context

## Hennepin County (confirmed cases)

**5,409**

Total deaths

**467**

Newly reported cases

**+256**

Total hospitalized

**1,010**

Isolation not required

**699**

Data from MDH as of 5/18/2020.

## Minnesota

**16,372**

Total deaths

**731**

Newly reported cases

**+705**

Total hospitalized

**2,128**

Isolation not required

**11K**

Data from MDH Situation Update for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as of 5/18/2020.

## United States

**1,486,757!**

Change: 1,467,820 (+18,937)

Total recovered

**272,265**

Total deaths

**89,562**

Current doubling rate

**29 days**

## World

**4,713,620!**

Change: 4,634,068 (+79,552)

Total recovered

**1,733,963**

Total deaths

**315,185**

Current doubling rate

**29 days**

US & Global total confirmed cases as of 5/17/2020 11:59 PM.

# Public Health strategy #1: High-risk housing

Temporary housing for people experiencing homelessness/staying in congregate shelter settings who can't follow CDC recommendations for mitigation, i.e., social distancing, using personal bathrooms

High Risk Housing is not a shelter

## Current status of high risk housing sites

As of date	Site Name	Utilized	Available	Capacity
5/18/2020	High-risk site #1	166	2	168
5/18/2020	High-risk site #2	108	22	130
5/18/2020	High-risk site #3	171	29	200
<b>Total</b>		<b>445</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>498</b>

Total clients served\*

**406**

\*Excludes site #3

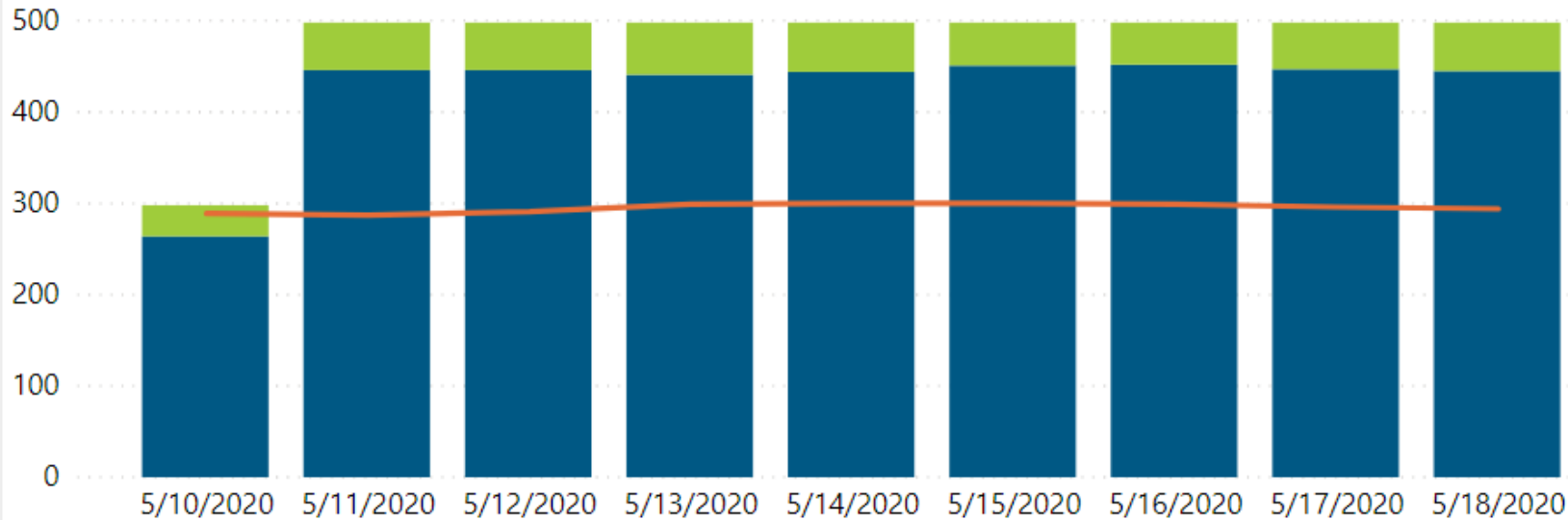
Median length of stay\*

**53**

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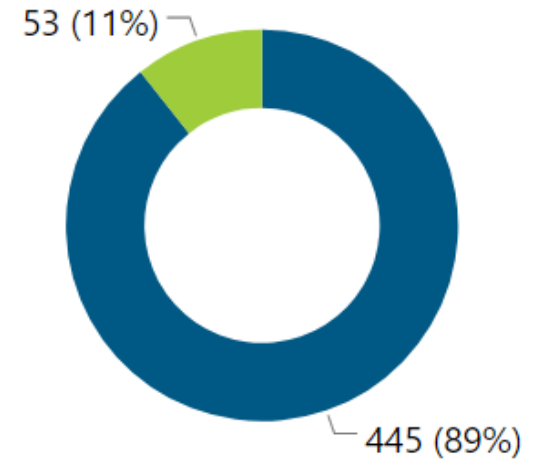
## High-risk housing units utilization and availability (last 10 days)

● Units Utilized ● Units Available ● Population Count



## Current status of high-risk units

● Utilized ● Available



# Public Health strategy #2: Isolation housing

Temporary housing for people who are experiencing homelessness/staying in congregate shelter settings who have COVID-like symptoms and/or confirmed case of COVID.

People in Isolation Housing are removed from a shelter, have been tested, and need to be isolated until COVID symptoms resolve.

## Current status of high risk housing sites

As of date	Site Name	Utilized	Available	Capacity
5/18/2020	Isolation site #1	23	20	43
5/18/2020	Isolation site #2	0	10	10
5/18/2020	Isolation site #3	1	51	52
<b>Total</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>105</b>

Total clients served (to date)\*

**207**

\*Excludes site #3

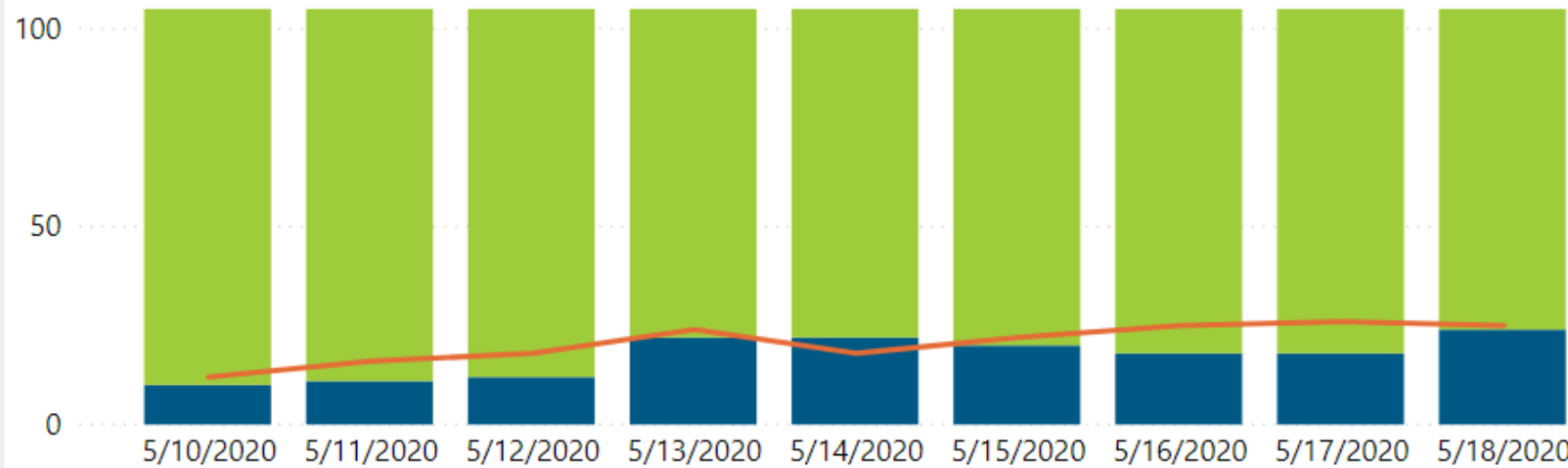
Median length of stay\*

**3**

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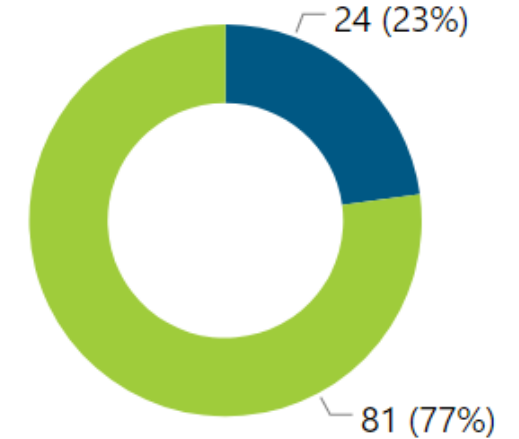
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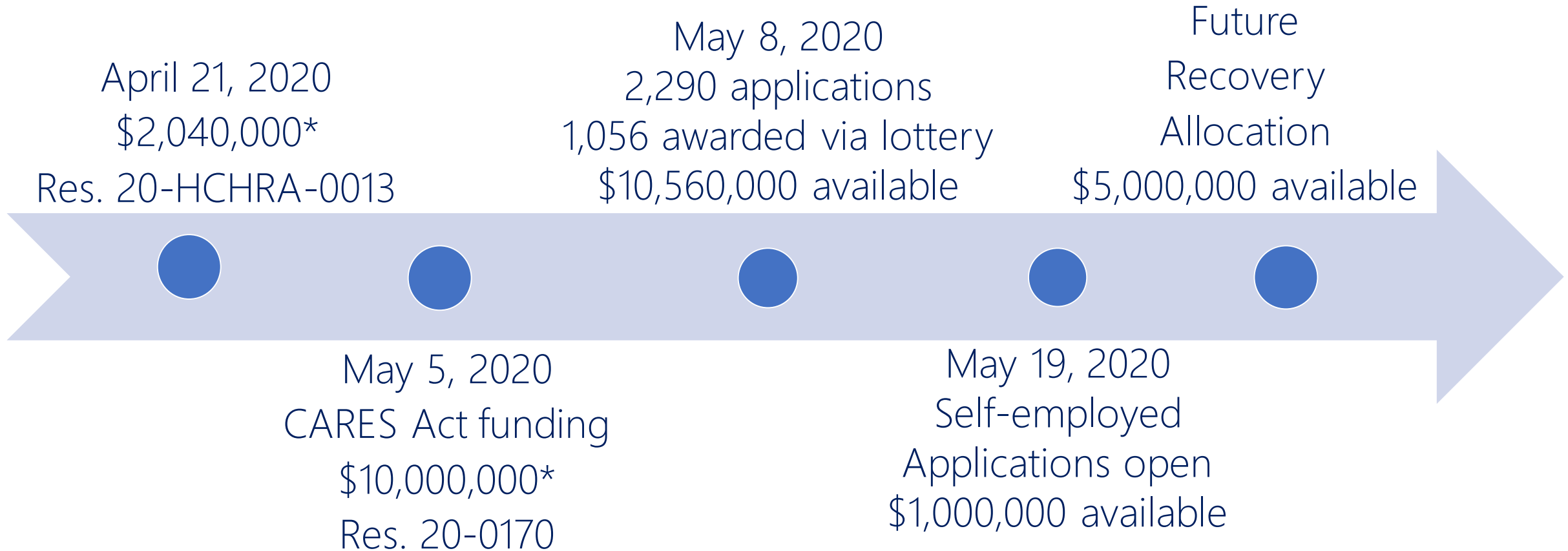
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# Administrator update

David Hough, County Administrator

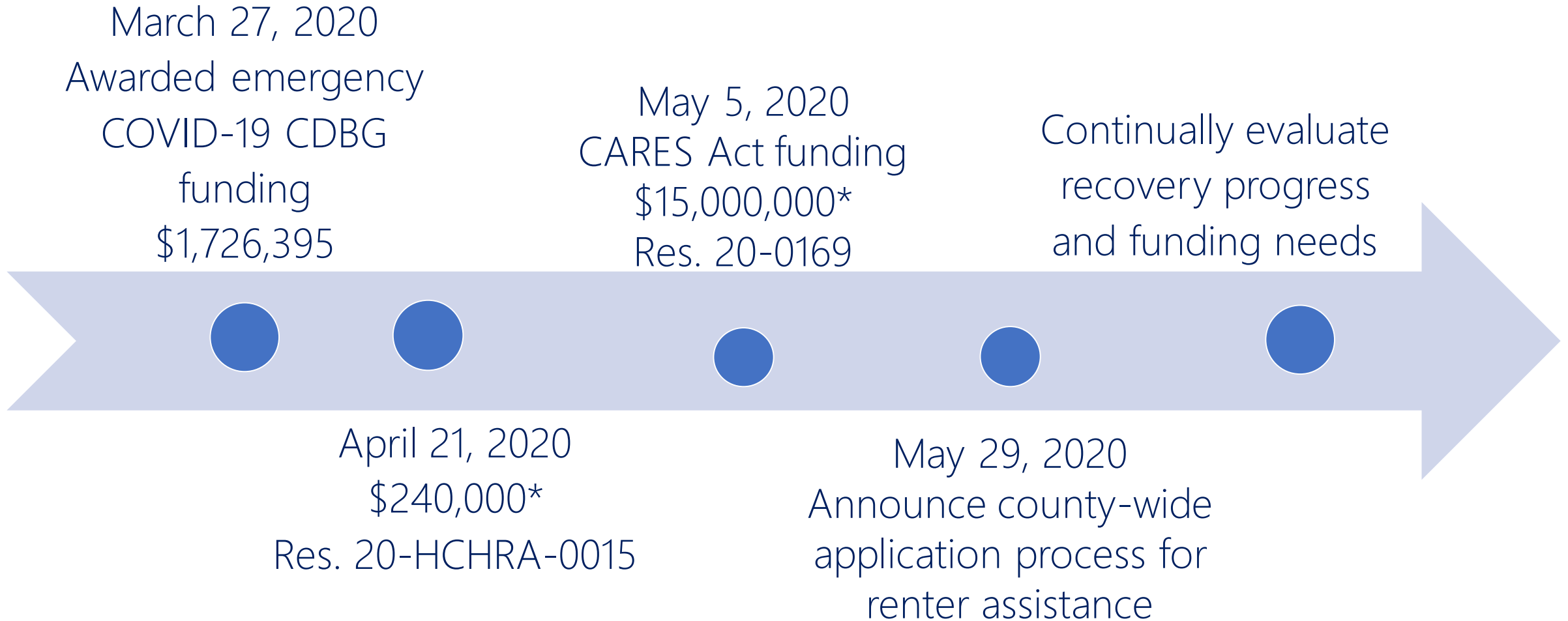
# Small Business Relief Fund



\*Includes program administration costs



# Emergency Rental Assistance



\*Includes program administration costs

# Business Advisory Council (Res. 20-0167)

## Purpose:

- support rapid recovery
- provide guidance and input on potential programs and initiatives
- act as liaison between the county and business community

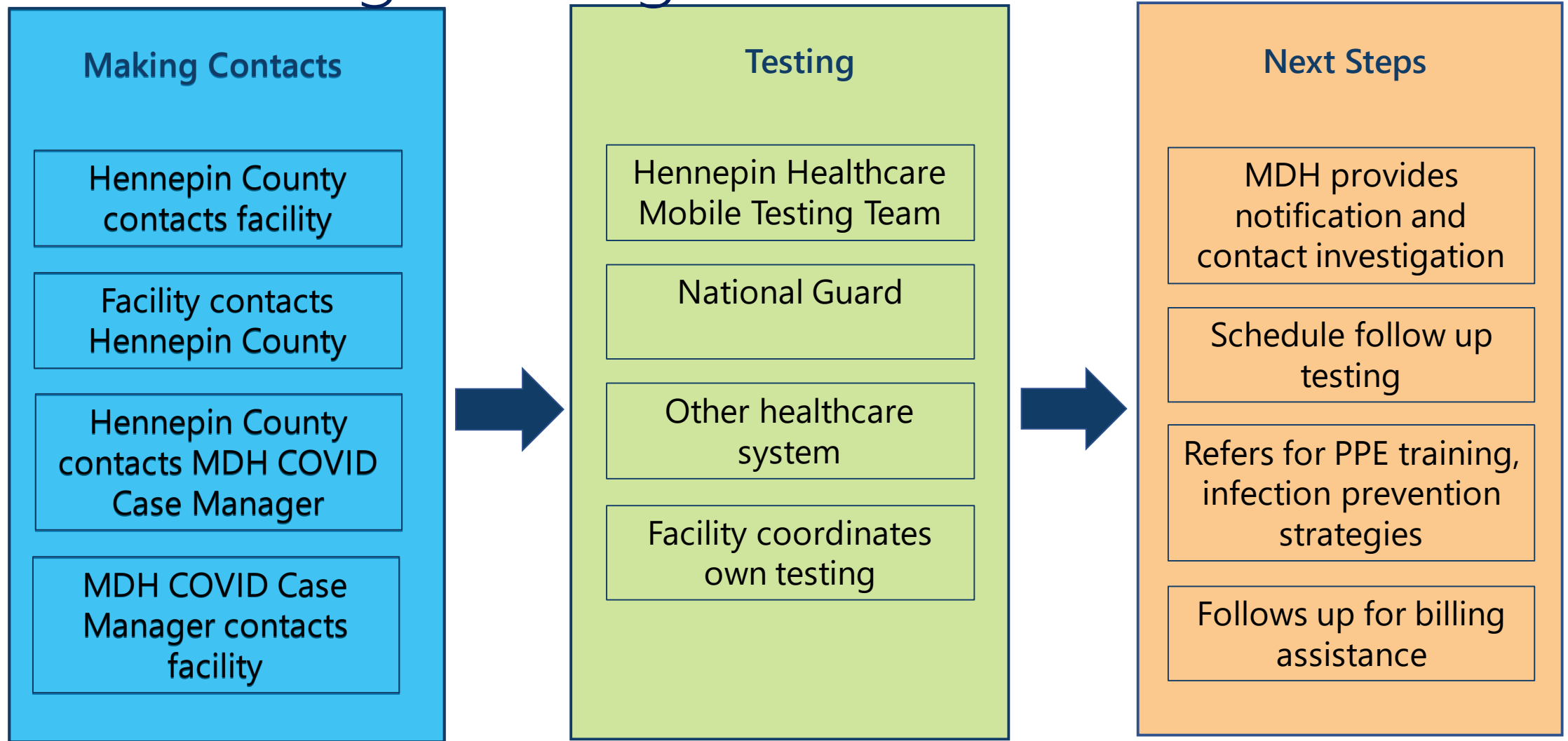
## Members (20-25):

- represent the diversity of the business community
- able to speak to the challenges and potential opportunities
- guide the county in decisions needed to support economic recovery

## Initial Meeting:

- Mid-June
- CDC reopening guidelines, guidance and discussion

# Testing in Long-term Care Facilities



Hennepin County = Hennepin Healthcare System, Hennepin Health, Public Health

# County Involved Youth and Distance Learning

## What we've learned

Gaps in technology and access exist for County involved youth.

- Short-term solution is providing hot spots to meet access needs.
  - Broadband connectivity for three apartment complexes in Brooklyn park-there are roughly 64 students between 32 dwellings in 3 apartment complexes
  - Family shelters: Providers have upgraded bandwidth and school districts have provided hot spots.
  - Little Earth-all 212 units have the hookups, but only 10% of residents have internet. MPS has worked to get devices and hot spots to their students.

## What we've done

Human Services, Juvenile Probation and be@school coordinated with school districts and community partners to identify targeted areas/youth with device needs and connectivity gaps to problem solve accordingly.

- A combination of foundation funds, child protection flexible spending, and Parent Support Outreach funds have been utilized to purchase 203 devices and funding for hotspots for children in out of home placement.
- Partnership with County IT to address an estimated connectivity gap for approximately 75-100 County involved youth.
- Device and connectivity costs for contracted providers that serve county involved youth and youth served by public assistance programs.

# Human Services Waivers

## Initiate Waivers

- Waive statutory requirements for face-to-face contact with clients and paper documentation
- Implementation of drop boxes and other non-touch delivery
- MFIP, Cash Assistance, 24-hour requirement on child protection
- Advise DHS and Governor's Office on development of Executive Orders

## Extend Waivers

- Comprehensive examination for savings and efficiency
- Legislator engagement

## Hennepin Lead and Resources All-County Effort

# General Operations Waivers

## Elections

- Local option to conduct elections during emergency with new polling places, remote affidavits of candidacy, other temporary measures
- Extends absentee ballot counting period
- Elections Administrator consulted by Secretary of State

## Marriage licenses

- County staff initiated interim procedures under emergency authority
- Legislation permitted verification remotely

## DEED Waivers

- Comprehensive list of waivers and policy changes for workforce programs
- Agency response is favorable

# Questions