



Community Resilience Initiative - The Hard Truths People Need To Know FAQ Sheet

Question 1: Is anyone tracking the long-term effects of COVID-19 and how can we weigh in on this as citizens?

Answer 1: There are many studies on the long-term COVID-19 effects. [One study done by Johns-Hopkins focuses specifically on the long-term effect of COVID-19 on people with disabilities.](#)

Question 2: It would be great to somehow see a systemic planning checklist (or strategy attack list) so that we can bring these issues up one by one when we are sitting at the table

Answer 2: This is a great opportunity to collaborate with your local stakeholders, partners, and allies to create your strategy list. Consider referencing the slide decks from Community Resilience Initiative Modules. You should also start thinking about who you may want to invite to your upcoming statewide conference to begin strategizing.

Question 3: Are there any good examples of disaster planning that has been implemented in the US for people with disabilities?

Answer 3: This is a very individualized and localized question, and the answers vary by locality.

There are good and promising practices across the nation, starting with the CMIST framework for communication, maintaining health, independence, support and safety, and transportation before, during, and after disasters. Please also reference the FAQ Fact Sheet for module 2, which listed additional personal preparedness resources, and the Center for American Progress's ["Equitable and Just Hurricane and Disaster Preparedness Amid COVID-19" report](#).



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Question 4: Call me naive but I don't think that people of color are excluded from the table or conversations. People who are non-English speaking are more so excluded in my experience. They don't understand notifications and other related outreach material. Spanish material helps but there are so many others in other languages that are forgotten unless they have a caregiver or children to guide them.

Answer 4: Disabled Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) are disproportionately excluded from the tables/conversations, and are impacted most during disasters. [According to the NY Times](#), "Latino and African-American residents of the United States have been three times as likely to become infected as their white neighbors..."

It is true that many people who are non-English speakers are excluded. It is also true that people of color, including individuals that speak non-English languages, are also excluded.