# The International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health (ICF): Supporting public health and emergency preparedness

* the **activities** of people (functioning at the level of the individual) and the activity limitations they experience
  + e.g., mobility– what do you do to get around your community and how can public health support you?
* the **participation** or involvement of people in all areas of life, and the participation restrictions they experience (functioning of a person as a member of society)
  + e.g., safety– what do you need to stay safe during a public health emergency?
* the **environmental factors** that affect these experiences (and whether these factors are facilitators or barriers)
  + e.g., location, distance, and access of emergency facilities (barriers or facilitators)—how do we design facilities to support you to be with your neighbors, families and friends?

(CDC, PT6 Working paper)

## ICF Module Training

* [**ICF e-learning** https://www.icf-elearning.com/](https://www.icf-elearning.com/)
* Available in 13 languages
* 8 hours independent & interactive free online training

## COVID -19 Pandemic and codes not included in ICF

* COVID-19 Pandemic - when COVID is mentioned as impacting the environment
* COVID-specific public health guidelines (e.g., physical distancing, hand washing)
* COVID specific health services policies (e.g., closing doctors’ offices, rationing care)
* Disability-specific demographic data, other specified "Data”
* Products and technology for health services (e.g., telemedicine)
* Congregate and long-term care housing

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