Resources for communication with people who are Deaf

- New York City’s examples: [http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/resources/notify_nyc/weather-5.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/resources/notify_nyc/weather-5.page)
- [http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/resources/notify_nyc/weather-1.page](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/resources/notify_nyc/weather-1.page) include TTY and video relay service for alerts
- Notify NYC videos on YouTube: [http://www.youtube.com/notifynyc](http://www.youtube.com/notifynyc)
- Ready Illinois: [http://www.illinois.gov/ready/multimedia/Pages/AmerSign.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/ready/multimedia/Pages/AmerSign.aspx)
- OKC-County Health Department: [https://www.occhd.org/eng/community/emergency-preparedness-response-program/people-disabilities](https://www.occhd.org/eng/community/emergency-preparedness-response-program/people-disabilities)

Information:

Inclusive Emergency Management 101: Integrating the Disability Community in Disaster Planning and Response

First Responder Communication with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Citizens
[https://youtu.be/kSKZHZdlmc](https://youtu.be/kSKZHZdlmc)

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Sign Language issues:

- Sign Language Interpreter During Hurricane Irma Actually Communicated Gibberish  [https://youtu.be/UiWJWl3pb1](https://youtu.be/UiWJWl3pb1)
- Tampa police say fake interpreter was signing at Seminole Heights news conference  [https://youtu.be/BxleT0w0xEk](https://youtu.be/BxleT0w0xEk)  on this report they say “they typically don’t use Sign Language interpreters”
- Lydia Callis, Mayor Bloomberg's Sign Language Interpreter  [https://youtu.be/TGsj7Sr1-U](https://youtu.be/TGsj7Sr1-U)
- NYC sign language star surprised by fame  [https://youtu.be/ONlxsY11bSk](https://youtu.be/ONlxsY11bSk)
- Deaf community weighs in on need for emergency communications  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gE3YrS8ELIY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gE3YrS8ELIY)

Community Inclusion in Colorado: Resources and Maps
[http://www.cohealthmaps.dphe.state.co.us/colorado_community_inclusion/](http://www.cohealthmaps.dphe.state.co.us/colorado_community_inclusion/)
Icebreaker Interview Summary

1. During a brief interview with one other participant, stand at least fifteen feet away from each other and both parties should have candy in their mouth and ear plugs in their ears.

2. During the second half of the interview, take five steps toward each other and then turn facing away from each other.

3. Successfully obtain introduction information about another person with the above communication barriers.

Icebreaker Summary

Imagine the relationship between this activity and conducting an interview or contacting someone with hearing loss. Sharing information with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing has many challenges. Many of these challenges can be overcome through awareness, accommodations, and visual and effective communication.

Hopefully, this activity will help participants brainstorm the “what-ifs” of effective communication barriers with people who are deaf or hard of hearing.