The 15 capabilities help state, local, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions enhance their ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies by supporting the following functions.

- **Planning Framework**: Comprehensive framework to guide public health planning and response
- **Common Terminology**: Consistent language for public health preparedness and response
- **Public Health Role**: References to help jurisdictions define their preparedness and response role
- **Collaboration Tool**: Suggestions to ensure applicable stakeholders are involved
- **Evaluation Planning**: Considerations for jurisdictional evaluation programs and exercise priorities