

Transportation Disruptions To Healthcare Supply Chain Expected To Persist Into 2022

Experts forecast that COVID-related challenges across major transportation sectors will almost certainly continue into 2022. These transportation disruptions have become a healthcare issue. New policies are needed to address the immediate and long-term threats they pose to our healthcare supply chain.

2021 → 2022

"Strains on container shipping to 'remain critical' until the Lunar New Year in early 2022, the holiday when Chinese factories typically shut down."



"Freight growth in 2021 and 2022 will continue to put the [trucking] industry in catch-up mode."

"Air cargo capacity to remain constrained through at least the first half of calendar year 2022."



Immediate Action

Convene healthcare and transportation stakeholders to develop a process to prioritize critical medical supplies and equipment now.



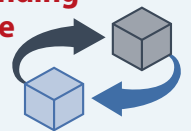
Long-Term Solutions

Diversifying Sources



Expanding Domestic Manufacturing

Recommending Alternative Products



Building A Bigger Cushion

- Increasing Inventories
- Supporting Public And Private Stockpiles

Sources: WSJ, 7/51/21; Logistics Management, 7/12/21; Supply Chain Dive, 7/8/21