

Fewer Containers, Same Delays

COVID-19 lockdowns reduced shipping volumes from Chinese ports, leading to fewer containers moving through the supply chain. In the last three months, U.S. ports reduced the backlog of medical containers by **22 percent**. Despite lower volumes, medical distributors have seen **NO CHANGE** in the length of shipping delays over the past three months.

	December 2021	March 2022	June 2022	3-Month Change
Medical Containers Delayed	8,000-12,000 Containers	9,000-14,000 Containers	7,000-10,000 Containers	- 22%
Average Delay	37 days	27 days	27 days	NO CHANGE

Ports and Distributors Brace For Late Summer Shipping Surge

As Shanghai enters a phased reopening, medical distributors expect to see a shipping surge of medical supplies competing for delivery alongside increased shipments of school supplies, Halloween costumes and holiday toys. As retailers extend their shipping lead times to adjust for this surge, medical distributors are concerned about increased delays coinciding with a surge of cold, flu, and COVID-19 cases in the fall and winter months.

