



3 WAYS TO ENSURE SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE IN A PANDEMIC OR EMERGENCY

Many healthcare organizations discovered the hard way how severely pandemics constrict supply chains. Iron Mountain suggests three best practices to establish an agile and effective supply chain that can stand up to any emergency.

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ACCOMMODATE RAPIDLY CHANGING DEMANDS

Create a supply chain that can help ensure seamless access to the supplies and equipment needed to combat current and future public health threats.

- **Build and maintain a stockpile** of critical inventory in a secure offsite location nearby.
- **Scale storage space** as inventory volumes change while maintaining control and visibility.
- **Establish safeguards** to ensure critical assets stored offsite are protected from loss, theft or damage.

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SPEED FULFILLMENT AND DEPLOYMENT

Enable quick access to the right medical supplies and equipment to the right location at the right time.

- **Log and track all materials** through a single online portal to maintain up-to-date visibility of trends and inventory.
- **Standardize inventory workflow** including chain-of-custody procedures to ensure access to critical materials.
- **Develop a plan** for routine stock rotations, inspection and testing of storage equipment to ensure proper working condition.

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MEASURE AND MONITOR TRENDS

Increase visibility into how, when and where supplies are being used to maximize supply chain reliability, lower costs and better preparedness for future crises.

- **Access predictive analytics** that shed light into where supplies will be needed and help automate future orders.
- **Track orders throughout the pandemic wave** to identify trends and plan effectively around usage volumes as well as anticipated needs.
- **Understand where supply shortages and disruptions** might occur to establish contingency plans for those scenarios.

Plan, Pivot & Persevere

Iron Mountain partners with healthcare organizations of all types and sizes around the world. To discover how we can help you emerge from COVID-19 ready for the next pandemic or emergency, download our ebook "BOOSTING PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE IN HEALTHCARE" by clicking [here](#).