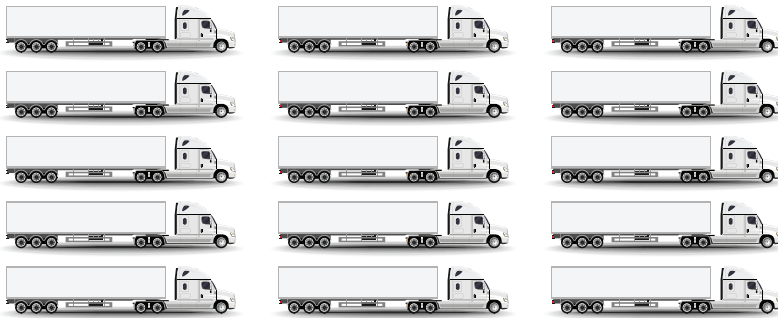


# 90-Day PPE Stockpile Mandates Increase Shortages And Drive Up Costs

Policymakers are considering mandates for healthcare providers to maintain 90-day stockpiles of critical supplies such as personal protective equipment (PPE). **These mandates are likely to increase supply shortages and drive up costs to hospitals.** A better solution is to stockpile government controlled pandemic supplies at the country's 500+ existing distributor warehouses across the U.S., positioning inventory close to healthcare providers for immediate surge needs during a crisis.

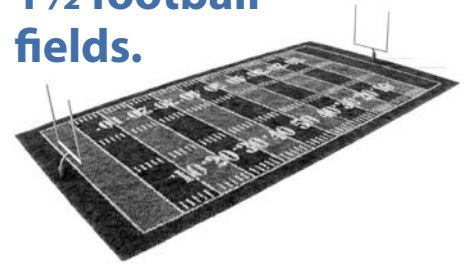
## Large Stockpiles Create New Logistical Challenges

A 90-day supply for a 350-bed hospital requires 5,700 sq. ft. of space — the equivalent of **13–15 tractor trailers.**



A 90-day supply for a 5,000-bed system requires 81,400 sq. ft. of space — the equivalent of

**1½ football fields.**



## Supplies Needed On The Front Lines Get Moved To The Back Shelf...

July 8, 2020 **The New York Times**

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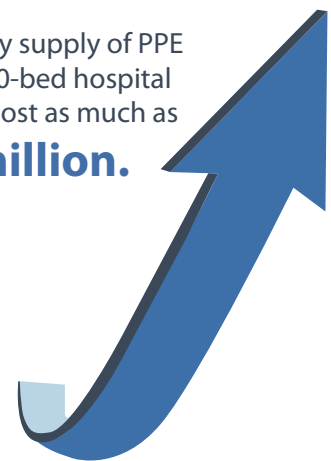
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*“...demand continues to outstrip supply because hospitals, states and the federal government are trying to stockpile supplies.”*

## ...And Drive Up Costs

A 90-day supply of PPE for a 350-bed hospital would cost as much as

**\$2 million.**



*Stockpiles need to be managed and the increased inventory rotated to avoid the risk of product expiration, theft, damage, and waste.*