# Shipping Challenges Causing PPE Delivery Delays, Cost Increases

In the fall of 2020, imports of containerized freight were 15% higher than the same period in 2019 due to general restocking, anticipated holiday orders, and pre-orders of PPE prior to the Lunar New Year holiday in Asia.<sup>1</sup>
The increased volume of goods is creating strains on shipping capacity by sea, air, and land.

#### Sea

### Container Imbalance Adding Weeks To Shipping Times

U.S. imports are growing faster than exports, creating an imbalance of shipping containers in Asia.

**2-3 week backlog** in
Chinese ports
due to container
shortage<sup>2</sup>



**4-5 day unloading delay** in U.S. ports working with 1/3 fewer workers due to social distancing<sup>3</sup>

### Air

### Air Freight Capacity Booked Through February, 2021

The drastic decline in commercial air travel has created a shortage of "belly space" for air freight. Freight capacity on passenger flights down 67%<sup>4</sup>

Total global air freight capacity **down 25%**<sup>5</sup>



Cargo flights already booked to capacity **through February, 2021**<sup>6</sup>

#### Land

## **Driver Shortage Limiting Delivery Capacity**

A dramatic increase in e-commerce is exacerbating the shortage of commercial drivers.



#### Tens of thousands fewer truck drivers due to:

- COVID-19 related retirements
- 30-40% fewer new drivers being licensed
- Increased opportunities to drive locally<sup>8</sup>

Commercial carriers 5% over capacity during holiday season anticipating 7 million late deliveries per day9

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