



## KNOX/EAST TN HEALTHCARE COALITION

### Supply Chain Integrity Assessment

The Knox/East TN Healthcare Coalition led a discussion on supply chain integrity during the January 09, 2024, meeting. Results from the statewide supply chain assessment was reviewed with members. Health care members indicated that current supply chains have stabilized for PPE and medical equipment. The top current concerns are:

1. Pharmacological (medications) shortages
2. Recalls of medical supplies/medications causing sudden shortages

Health care facilities have alternative supplier who provide the same brand as their primary provider which does cause issues with recalls and shortages. Health care facilities have started working with suppliers to have a supply cache on-hand for their individual facility in the event of a disaster that can be immediately shipped if needed. These caches are rotated out by the supplier to the facility to ensure current in date supplies are available.

# SUPPLY CHAIN SURVEY

## Natural Disaster

Nutrition/Food  
Fuel  
Blood Products  
PPE

## Mass Casualty

Blood Product  
Surgical Equip/Supplies  
Needles/Syringes

## Infectious Disease

PPE  
Vaccines  
Durable Medical Equip

### Knox/East Tennessee HCC (n = 20 Respondents)

