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**On-site portable storage containers offer strategic, innovative, and customized solutions**

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The use of on-site portable storage containers is rapidly on the rise, as a resilient and strategic space solution. In 2019, IBIS World projected the storage container industry would grow 0.7% annually, with \$8.9 billion on the books by year end. Fast forward three years, and industry trends reveal market growth of 3.9% in 2022, with \$11.8 billion in annual revenue.

More and more organizations are turning to on-site portable storage containers as an ideal solution for strategic space management, innovative flexibility, and completely customized use.

### Putting Strategic Space Management To Work

As the health care industry works to recover and rebound, post-pandemic, there is a lot of work to be done, quite literally. According to Health Facilities Management (HFM) magazine's 2023 Hospital Construction Survey, capital budget allocations are prioritizing health care facility renovations. However, as the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) reports steep cost increases and materials shortages, health care construction projects are increasingly "over budget" and "behind schedule," which can significantly affect operations.

As health care systems evaluate how to improve existing facilities' design limitations, despite roadblocks and bottlenecks, alternate solutions are necessary to maintain continuity of care and patient efficiency, in order to make health care renovations more manageable.

When it comes to optimizing functional health care facility space, on-site portable storage containers are more cost-effective per square foot than the rising costs of health care construction, offering facilities managers a much needed and resilient space management strategy.

Because portable storage containers are large, weather-tight, and offer vault-like security, they can provide a perfect storage solution for a vast volume of health documents and records for a prolonged period, with easy on-site accessibility, freeing up facility space that can be functionally repurposed. Climate-controlled containers allow temperature-sensitive supplies, equipment, and surplus PPE inventory to be safely stored and retrieved as needed, while existing storage areas can be reallocated more efficiently. By adding on-site portable storage to health care facilities, essential space can be better used.

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