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To the grantees of the Sloan Foundation:

I am writing to reach out to all the active grantees of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation in order to share some information about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Foundation and our operations.

First and foremost, I want to communicate in the strongest possible terms that your health and safety is of paramount importance to us here at Sloan. No grantee should feel any obligation or pressure to engage in activities that they feel are unsafe or that would put them at undue risk of exposure. We fully understand that meeting cancellations, gathering size limits, and institutional travel restrictions may make it impossible for grantees to fulfil agreed-upon grant activities as they were originally envisioned. No grantee will be penalized for having to delay or modify grant metrics due to disruptions caused by COVID-19. If you anticipate major disruptions to your Sloan-funded project, please reach out to your program director to discuss the situation.

Second, we are very concerned to protect our employees from exposure to the virus and to contribute to the social distancing measures essential to slowing its spread. Although we are not formally closing the Foundation offices, we are encouraging all employees to work from home for the indefinite future. While we have taken measures to ensure the continuing operation of the Foundation as staff work remotely, there may well be some hiccups as we adapt to the situation. We would ask for your patience in this unsettled and unsettling period.

I hope this email finds you well and that you, your loved ones, and your colleagues are healthy, safe, and taking sensible precautions to aid in stopping the spread of the virus.

With best wishes from all of us at the Sloan Foundation,

Adam F. Falk  
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