Building a Road to Recovery Demands Partnership and Collaboration

The speed and the scale of the COVID-19 virus is unprecedented and the economic disruption it has caused is unparalleled. Many businesses – large and small – remain focused on how to make payroll. As daunting as it may seem, we can only fully get back to business when we’ve addressed the health concerns and when there are effective remedies to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

That is why the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Mastercard, Wellcome, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the Dell Foundation, and the U.K. Government have invested in the COVID-19 Therapeutics Accelerator to identify and scale treatments to counter the virus. Over $220 million has already been invested. Fifteen life sciences companies have committed to make their proprietary libraries of molecular compounds accessible for screening. With this significant support, leading medical research institutions have the resources to advance screening and clinical trials.

But more progress is needed to effectively contain COVID-19. The results of clinical trials need to be monitored with safety and efficacy top of mind. And most importantly, we need to make sure treatments are accessible to all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

We are asking you to join us in building the path forward. This pandemic does not stop at any border. This global threat requires every sector, no matter the size or scope, to make important contributions.

It will take a collaborative funding effort by the private sector, philanthropic organizations, and governments to speed up the research and development process and to make the results available to all.

History will not forget this moment. After the physical distancing subsides and businesses begin to reopen, it may be asked: when the world faced a global pandemic, what did you do?

If we collaborate and work together, we can say: We not only stood strong, we stood together and turned the tide against this threat to humanity. We look forward to having you as a partner in this historic effort.

For more information, please go to https://www.therapeuticsaccelerator.org/.

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