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**Top feeds this week in [Sc-Exec.com](https://sc-exec.com);**

- [Three Proactive Response Strategies to COVID-19 Business Challenges](#) - MIT Sloan Review - (5 min read). This showcases 3 Pivoting Strategies for your business and supply chain. Well worth your 5 minutes.
- [Covid-19 Pandemic Navigator](#) (2 min to test drive, if you haven't yet) It's a great CV19 tool to tracking from Oliver Wyman. It's strength is being able to graphically see the progress by state and country. See my recap comments for additional info on CV19.
- [Recession-Proof Your Supply Chain](#) (18 minutes read) This is a comprehensive lessons-learned from the 2009 downturn, but republished Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. It's a great read to scan to check if you are missing any opportunities.

Commentary: It is an amazing time that we are witnessing. The resilience that is being demonstrated in this crisis is truly inspiring; competitors collaborating for the common good, creative solutions by leaders pivoting their businesses while demonstrating agility not seen in normal times, and lessons learned and shared real-time are just a few things. Every day I read posts on LinkedIn of the amazing feats accomplished by leaders and their teams during this crisis. A number of you are on this distribution list. I would like to capture the leadership challenges that you are facing with your teams if you are willing to share them. Let me know.

**Recapping CV19 progression**

- [Hydroxychloroquine \(Plaquenil\)](#) continues to show promise as more results are reported. The reports that I have reviewed show it is more effective in the early stages and when taken with [Azithromycin](#). "Pre-clinical studies in animals as well as the first data from clinical studies show that hydroxychloroquine kills the coronavirus" - Novartis CEO. There is still a lot of controversy in the medical community and media on the efficacy of this as a treatment due to the small, non-double-blind studies. The treatment has been used for 60 year for Malaria and is FDA approved to be used off-label by physicians for CV19.
- A study by Stanford researchers (yet to be peer reviewed) showed a very high discrepancy in the percent of the population infected with the CV19 virus. "Our data imply that, by April 1 (three days prior to the end of our survey) between 48,000 and 81,000 people had been infected in Santa Clara County. The reported number of confirmed positive cases in the county on April 1 was 956, **50-85-fold lower than the number of infectious predicted by this study.**" [The population prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in Santa Clara County implies that the infection is much more widespread than indicated by the number of confirmed cases. See COVID-19 Antibody Seroprevalence in Santa Clara County, California, MedRxiv](#)



- **Is Sweden's limited CV19 intervention going to prove others wrong or come back to haunt them?** Sweden's government, unlike other European states, did not take dramatic lock-down actions. As of Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>, their death toll is not significantly different from their neighbors', excluding Germany and Switzerland. This seems like a really important key metric to watch with respect to lessons learned.

	Cases	Deaths	Death %
Belgium	36,138	5,163	14%
United Kingdom	108,692	14,576	13%
Italy	168,941	22,170	13%
Netherlands	30,449	3,459	11%
France	165,027	17,920	11%
Sweden	13,216	1,400	11%
Spain	188,068	19,478	10%
Switzerland	27,078	1,325	5%
Germany	138,456	4,193	3%

[Source](#)

Best regards,

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