

Coronavirus Pandemic

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

The best way to prevent and slow down transmission is to be well informed about the COVID-19 virus, the disease it causes and how it spreads. Protect yourself and others from infection by washing your hands or using an alcohol based rub frequently and not touching your face.

The COVID-19 virus spreads primarily through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose when an infected person coughs or sneezes, so it's important that you also practice respiratory etiquette (for example, by coughing into a flexed elbow).

At this time, there are no specific vaccines or treatments for COVID-19. However, there are many ongoing clinical trials evaluating potential treatments. WHO will continue to provide updated information as soon as clinical findings become available.

Effects

Nigerian cities, movement and economic activity in Lagos had slowed but mobility sector players like Uber and Bolt were considered the safest means of moving around, if one absolutely had to.

But now, a lockdown is in place across three Nigerian states: Lagos, Abuja and Ogun. It is not difficult to draw a straight line between a restriction of movement and the mobility sector. While food stores and pharmacies are tagged essential services, mobility is not.

The effects of the lockdown are already starting to show across Nigeria with Uber announcing this week that it has suspended all its operations in Nigeria until the end of the lockdown.

Due to this pandemic, lots of businesses are closed down and soon lots of Nigerians will starve when they exhaust their remaining food stuffs and provisions and when their remaining money finishes as well.