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Write a report on the Corona virus pandemic and the effects of lockdown and restriction of movement on Nigerians.

Coronavirus disease also known as COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. Coronaviruses are large groups of viruses that cause respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses, respiratory illnesses include common cold, pneumonia and generally mild diseases, most people who fall sick with COVID-19 experiences mild to moderate symptoms and recover without any special treatment.

COVID-19 was first discovered in Wuhan, China, a group of people with pneumonia who sold and purchased sea food and live animals in a market in Wuhan, it is know that the Chinese tend to eat certain foods raw and uncooked, the virus might have been in existence for a long time but manifested recently.

The virus that caused COVID-19is mainly transmitted through droplets generated when an infected person coughs, sneezes or exhales. These droplets are too heavy to hand in he air, and quickly fall on the floor. One can be infected by breathing in the virus if within close proximity of someone who has COVID-19, or just by touching a contaminated surface and then touching the eyes, noes or mouth.

To prevent the virus from spreading, one must clean ones hands with soap and water often and thoroughly or using and alcohol based hand rub, cover the nose or mouth with the elbow while coughing, avoid touching the face, Keeping social distance by staying home or in self isolation

In Nigeria, cases of the virus appeared around the March in Lagos state and from there kept spreading. Presently, there are six hundred and twenty-seven cases in Nigeria with Lagos state having the most with three hundred and seventy-six the FCT with eighty-eight then Kano state with thirty-six cases. Some weeks ago the federal government issued a nation wide lockdown to prevent the spread of the disease, schools have been closed, workers are forced to work from home. Some Nigerians who work on a daily bases and receive payment daily are affected due to the fact that they might not have enough resources to provide for their families, Places of worship have also been closed for the mean time to prevent the spread also some businesses are not allowed to work because of the spread of the virus.

Doctors and health professionals all over the world are still struggling and working hard to reduce the spread and find a vaccine for the virus.