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**CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC**

**COVID-19**

The corona virus pandemic as the name implies is a virus that is affecting the whole world and bringing everyone to a standstill. The virus was found in CHINA which is where it began. It started in the month of February. In March this virus got into Nigeria but we all took it as a normal disease that will come and go. Then we started hearing that people were dying of this virus and that’s when people started taking measures.

The virus started in Lagos state and then to the Federal capital territory. This cause of this virus isn’t known to anyone neither is the cure. A person with this virus always experiences symptoms like sore throat, dry cough, difficulty in breathing. This virus could be transferred from one person to another through sneezing, coughing and lack of proper hygiene. Touching of eyes, nose and mouth with hands is very risky because one might not know what he or she has touched in the course of his or her daily activities.

Due to the fact that this virus is dangerous the government decided that everyone should practice social distancing. People who came into the country were expected to isolate their selves for a period of two weeks in case of any sign or symptoms of the virus corona. People were to distance their selves from crowded places and physical contacts with others. More people became infected and in other to control this, the government ordered all schools to close down, offices to were expected to stop activities, businesses were stopped. Lagos state, Abuja and some other places were told to be on total lockdown. Students who had their final exams like the WAEC and other exams couldn’t write anymore. Families outside the country could not come back home because of the lockdown, only hospitals and pharmacies were allowed to continue functioning.

Till now this virus keeps spreading in the country and world at large. Nobody has an idea when the vaccine would be found. People are in their houses unable to step out to do anything because the rate at which the virus is increasing is becoming frightening and alarming although some people do not believe this virus is real and as such not follow the social distancing policy.

The lockdown has both good and bad effects. Some people who cannot continue their business have no money or food, people are hungry. Some people don’t even have a home or a place to stay or sleep. Whereas some families have reconciled and now bonding in this period. Broken homes have been fixed, parents can spend more time on their children. Although the lockdown has also hindered some people from seeing their families I think the lockdown will save us all if we really want to see our families again.

**CORONA VIRUS IS REAL! STAY HOME! STAY SAFE!**