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**REPORT ON CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19)**

Coronavirus popularly known as covid-19 is a pandemic that came as a normal illness but ended up affecting the whole world. Countries of the world are fighting to procure a treatment or cure to the pandemic. The first case of coronavirus was in china on in Wuhan Hubei province **17th** **November**, **2019**. The pandemic has caused recession in some countries like France and has led to death of thousands of people in all continents of the world. Coronavirus is a communicable disease that spreads from person to person without necessary body contact, it is unclear exactly how contagious the new coronavirus is but it has been shown that the spread from person to person among those in close contact (within about **6**feet or **2**meters).

The virus spreads by respiratory droplets released when an individual (a person) with the virus sneezes on coughs their symptoms of Covid-19. It may appear **2**-**14** days, some symptoms include; Tiredness, Sore throat, Aches, running nose, fever, coughs, there has also been cases were people can’t taste. The coronavirus influenza is most rampant in five countries of the world; United states, Spain, Italy, Germany and France. There has been measure placed to reduce the spread of the influenza. The first case of coronavirus in Nigeria was discovered in Lagos state which was confirmed on 27th of February **2020** from an Italian. The second case of coronavirus was on 9th of March, **2020**. In Ogun state Ewekoro a Nigeria citizen that came in contact with the Italian citizen. There have been a **343** confirmed cases of coronavirus, **91** recovered and **10** people lost to the pandemic. The Federal government decided to go on a **14** days’ lockdown on started on the 31st of March, **2020** and ended on 13th of April **2020**. The Nigerian government then decided to extended the coronavirus lockdown in key cities for two weeks which has affected the life of a common man. This is because people who are daily income earners won’t have anything to fall on. These can lead to social vices in the country breeding armed robbers. There have been cases that people rob trucks with food because they do not want to be killed by hunger. The government should have a specific time where daily income earners can sell or the government should provide food for the country. Although, there has been news that foodstuffs have been passed or given to homes but then are schemes to divert public funds for themselves. The extension of the lockdown is expected to add to the hard hip of million Nigerians living hand-to-mouth, often with not up to seven hundred per day. Many industries in Nigeria has incurred major losses in their businesses because of the complete lockdown. Social distances and self-isolation presuppose that people have enough space. This cannot be practiced in where 50 people are sharing 10-room with three toilets and a bath room being shared by all with no-pipe borne or treated water readily available. There is no way there would be efficient social distancing in this case.