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## **A REPORT ON CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AND THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF THE MOVEMENT OF NIGERIANS**

The virus known as Coronavirus (COVID – 19) which is caused by a severe acute respiratory syndrome, was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, the capital of China's Hubei province, and has since spread globally, resulting in the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. When caught, the common symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath. Other symptoms to consider may include fatigue, diarrhea, sore throat, muscle and abdominal pain. The time from exposure to onset symptoms is typically five days but may range from not more than four to fourteen days. The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, often through small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing or talking. The virus can survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours.

### **CORONAVIRUS IN NIGERIA**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, the first case of coronavirus in Nigeria was confirmed when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, the second case of the virus was reported in Ewekoro, Ogun State, a Nigerian citizen who had contact with the Italian citizen. After that, more cases began to arise in different states. The president declared that some vulnerable states should be locked down. Some states observe them like Abuja, Ogun, Osun, Ekiti and so on and so forth. The coronavirus has caused a lot of things in Nigeria and changed a lot of things in our country, Nigeria. Both the federal government of Nigeria and the federal ministry of health have been trying their best to ensure that the outbreak in Nigeria is being controlled and stopped immediately. The government has made an effort through the Nigerian center for disease control (NCDC) to curb the spread of the virus. They create awareness on precautionary measures for people to imbibe, they provide medical facilities to test people. As the outbreak is still in our country and the lockdown is still ongoing we should listen and act to the preventive measure that can keep us safe in this pandemic. The federal government are really trying their best to make sure Nigeria is safe and we need to listen to the preventive measures and put it to act.

## EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA

The term "lockdown" is a state of isolation or restricted access instituted as a security measure. The federal government has ordered an ultimate lockdown in Nigeria and this restricts the movement amongst the Nigerians. There are positive and negative effects of the lockdown in Nigeria. The positive effects of the lockdown in Nigeria are

- It allows family to bond together and do things together
- Spend more time with God
- Relaxation to those who don't have time for themselves before the lockdown
- Reduce the virus from spreading more further from other countries to our country
- It makes people to think about how to do businesses online
- People are now wiser to make their plans flexible knowing that there is nothing that can't be cancelled

The negative effects of the lockdown include:

- It has a poor effect on the economy
- It leads to the increase in the prices of limited goods in the market.
- The poor becomes poorer
- People struggle to survive
- Students can't go to school like primary, secondary and tertiary students, which cause idleness.
- The school academic calendar is extended. Students will graduate as at when due. Their time is extended.