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Corona virus is an infectious disease that was newly discovered. We are yet to discover the real origin of the virus, some say that it was caused by a animal, so say that it was by a scientist that was experimenting on something. We really don’t know what to believe. Corona viruses are a large family of viruses that are know to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as middle east respiratory syndrome [MERS] and severe acute respiratory syndrome [SARS]. The virus is popularly known as COVID-19. People with COVID-19 generally develop signs and symptoms including mild respiratory symptoms and fever on an average of 5-6 days or 1-14 days.

People of all ages can be affected by the virus but Older people and people with pre existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease appear to be more vulnerable to become severely ill with the virus. The most common symptoms are fever ,tiredness and dry cough. Some patients may have aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat or diarrhea. How to prevent the spread of this deadly disease is by washing your hands always a good hand wash that has a least 10 percent of alcohol, cover your nose and mouth with a flexed elbow or disposable tissue when coughing and sneezing, avoid close contact with people and eat healthy. It is also an airborne disease.

The lockdown and restriction has a lot of effect on many Nigerians in so many different ways like in the business aspect, generator pollution, financial aspect, psychological effects, poverty and so many more. In the business aspect, the corona virus push the government to shut down vast swathes of their economies, from shop to factories to restaurants and small businesses. People with small businesses don’t have where to sell their market and get money to fend for their families and those with paid jobs they were sent home for their safety don’t have anything to use for their up keep especially those that the family depends on for money.

Generator pollution, the corona virus that brought about the lockdown in different states make people stay at home without going out at all has bought about the regular use of the generator to power their houses knowing that there is never regular light in Nigeria. When different people put on their generators it causes noise pollution and also air pollution due to the smoke that comes out of the generator which is not good for humans.

Financial aspect, in this aspect people who live from hand to mouth or people who depend on one source for their money or depend on what people give them by begging wont be able to have all that now due to the lockdown. No means of income to come inside which makes them to lack a lot of things like food and so many more.

Psychological effect, the lockdown is really affecting a lot of people in many ways but lets talk about psychologically. Some people feel like death is coming soon as they keep hearing about it and how people die daily and some of them live alone which can make them commit suicide after a while of thinking. Some their money if finishing gradually and they are thinking how will I fend for my family when there is lockdown and offices are locked. It also causes depression as peoples close friends and families become victims of the virus. Stigma too is caused due to the misinformation about the sources of the virus, symptoms and how it is contracted will drive many into perpetrating the social stigma.