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GST 122: ESSAY ON THE CORONA VIRUS AND THE EFFECTS OF THE EFFECTS OF THE LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTION OF MOVEMENT ON NIGERIANS.

The coronavirus pandemic is an ongoing pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS‑CoV‑2). The outbreak was first identified in Wuhan, China, in December 2019 and then Nigeria announced its first confirmed case of the pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 on 27 February 2020, when an Italian citizen in Lagos tested positive for the virus.

The World Health Organization declared the outbreak to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on 30 January 2020, and recognized it as a pandemic on 11 March 2020.As of 24 April 2020, nine hundred and eighty-one (981) cases of COVID-19 have been reported in twenty-six (26) states and the federal capital territory of Nigeria, recording 31 deaths and 197 people have recovered.

The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, or talking. People may also become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. The virus can survive on surfaces for up to 72 hours. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread may be possible before symptoms appear and in later stages of the disease. This is why it is mandatory for us to self-isolate and follow government directives and abiding to the stay at home order and preventive measures so as to help reduce the spread of the corona virus.

The government of Nigeria has put in place a lockdown order on some states that are affected with the corona virus in order to help reduce the spread of the virus. With this lockdown, people can no longer go to work to provide for their families. People are not able to buy and sell goods. The production rate of goods are slow due to closure of factories.