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**Covid-19,** a disease which has said to have originated in China. Presently over 200 countries in the world have this disease. The novel coronavirus is a respiratory virus which spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. The droplets then enter your body through your eyes, nose and mouth. Asymptomatic people can spread the virus and most common symptoms are fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and even death. The period within which the symptoms would appear is 2-14 days.

Ever since its beginning in January and the drastic spread in March, this virus has become a very serious and difficult problem in the world. A lot of measures have been put in place like social distancing, use of hand sanitizers and compulsory wearing of face face masks. Most countries also practiced lock downs, close of economic activities and borders and in a country like the United States where lock down was not practiced earlier the cases increased drastically and recently, they have recorded the highest cases in the world which is over two million. In poor countries like Nigeria, financial aids and testing kits have been sent by richer nations and world communities. There has also been speeding building of isolation centres for patients who have the virus to be treated. But in countries like Nigeria with poor health care system and lack of diversified economy this virus is going to be a problem.

Presently, in the world today, people are returning back to their normal lives upon the increasing spread of this virus. In April, Nigeria had only about a thousand cases but in June has close to twenty thousand cases. Due to the economic effect of the lockdown on countries in the world, most countries have gone back to their normal activities. Also, with the ongoing protest on Black Lives Matter all-over the world due to the painful and unjust death of George Floyd, social distancing has been hard to maintain. The ongoing electoral campaigns in the United States and the present politics in Africa also affect social distancing.

What people who recover from this virus later face is another thing. Most recovered patient never return back to their normal states. Their lungs, heart and some organs might be damaged by the virus. Some people might even need an organ transplant later on. This virus can cause a major problem in the world. It has adverse effect on the economy. What then can we do to control and put a stop to the virus? The virus does not look like it is going to go any time soon especially with its rapid spread, what is going on the world and the fact that there are still speculations of where the virus came from? What then is the way forward?

Recently, there has been a breakthrough in science in discovering a vaccine for this virus and vaccination has started in countries. There is really no solution and for now we can only control the spread of the virus. We can keep practicing social distancing and wearing of face masks. People should also test for the virus and if any symptom is noticed should reach out to centres for help. People can support other people with financial aid during this period and the government can grant task relief to the citizens.