

The coronavirus pandemic currently shocking the world gained entry into Nigeria with its first case confirmed on the 27th of February, 2020 in Lagos state. The discovery spiralled into a frenzy of misinformation as the NCDC and Federal Ministry of Health worked to allay citizens' fears and contain the outbreak. It is important that we all play a role in beating the virus by sharing only validated information and promoting effective preventive measures.

The Coronavirus CivActs Campaign (CCC) gathers rumours, concerns and questions from communities across Nigeria to eliminate information gaps between the government, media, NGOs and citizens. By providing the public with facts, the CCC ensures a better understanding of needs regarding the coronavirus and debunks rumours before they can do more harm. Information sharing will be critical to defeating the virus, due to the diverse cultural backgrounds and drawbacks in national education.

Coronavirus poses a serious threat to Nigeria's population of over 180 million people given the country's weak healthcare system, high level of poverty, crowded living conditions and deep-set corruption in government. Economic and insecurity conditions in Nigeria were already tenuous before this outbreak, and Nigeria already fares badly against any health indicators, with high mortality rates and poor life expectancy. When and if coronavirus hits the highly populated communities of Nigeria's cities, it could be a disaster.

It is absolutely critical that Nigeria deals with this pandemic in forward-thinking, open, transparent ways to ensure the well-being of citizens, build resilience and rapidly curb the potential for social conflict. In Nigeria, this is a huge challenge but also a real opportunity to reimagine public health systems, redefine the relationship between citizens and those in power, and reinvigorate governance.

## COVID-19 guidance for flights

Following the resumption of international flights on the 5th of September, the Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 and Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) have provided provisional protocol for travellers flying to or from Nigeria. Here are 7 things to keep in mind when travelling:

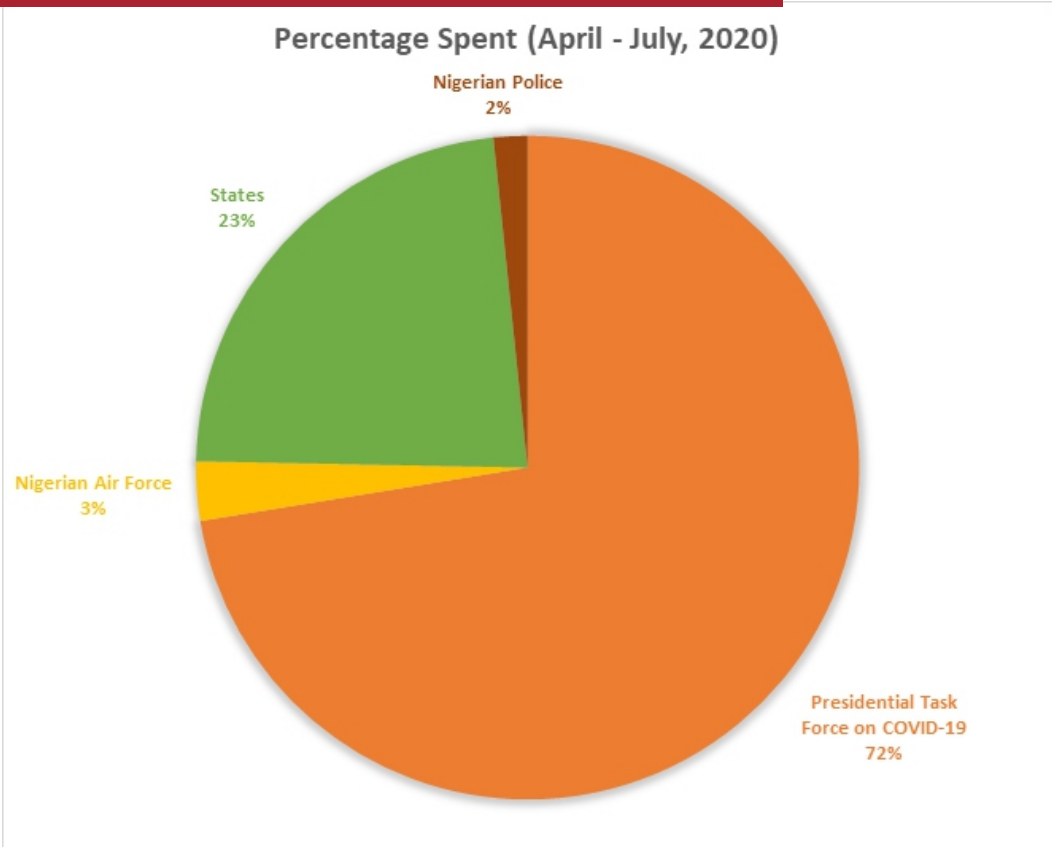
1. All intending travellers to Nigeria must have tested **NEGATIVE** for COVID-19 by PCR in the country of departure pre-boarding. The PCR test **MUST** be within 96 hours before departure and preferably within 72 hours pre-boarding.
2. All intending passengers are required to register via a Nigerian International Travel Portal online at <https://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng>
3. On arrival in Nigeria, go through the routine port health screening and present electronic or print-out access report sent to their emails for verification and approval by the port health officials.
4. On arrival at destination in Nigeria, passengers will proceed on a 7-day self-isolation/quarantine, during which time they are to avoid physical interaction with friends, family colleagues and other members of the public (i.e. Must observe strict physical and social distancing)
5. Passengers must present themselves at the sample collection centers on the 7th day of arrival,

samples will be taken and a COVID-19 PCR test done.

6. Test results will be ready within 24 to 48 hours and the State Public Health Department teams and NCDC will be informed accordingly.

7. Visit <https://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng> for more information

**Tracking government spending on the COVID-19 pandemic**



The Federal Government of Nigeria has disclosed that it spent N30,540,563,571.09, representing 84% of the N36.3 billion public funds and donations received to respond to COVID-19 between 1st April, 2020 and 31st July, 2020, leaving the balance of N5.9 billion. This was in response to a Freedom of Information request dated August 10, 2020 sent to the Accountant-General of the Federation, Ahmed Idris by Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) and Connected Development (CODE).

Here is a breakdown of the disclosed spending:

S/N	Name of organisation	Item spent on	Amount spent in Naira
1	Presidential Task Force on COVID-19	Undisclosed	22 billion
2	States	COVID-19 initiatives (Not detailed)	7 billion
3	Nigerian Air Force	Deployment of assets in support of COVID-19 operations	877 million
4	Nigerian Police	Personal Protective Equipment	500 million
5	Banks (Undisclosed)	Bank charges	17,865.09

## RUMOURS



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## FACTS

COVID-19 is just a respiratory virus

Initially COVID-19 was thought to affect the lungs only, now it is known to cause multi-organ damage. A recent study has also shown that the virus can replicate in the brain.

You can catch COVID-19 in swimming pools

According to the CDC, there is no evidence to suggest that the novel coronavirus spreads between people through the water in swimming pools or hot tubs. If the water is disinfected with chlorine or bromine, it should inactivate the virus.

Drinking alcohol reduces the risk of infection

According to the WHO, though alcohol can disinfect the skin, it does not work the same with the body. Heavy alcohol use weakens the immune system and reduces the ability to cope with infectious diseases.

You can catch coronavirus from urine and faeces

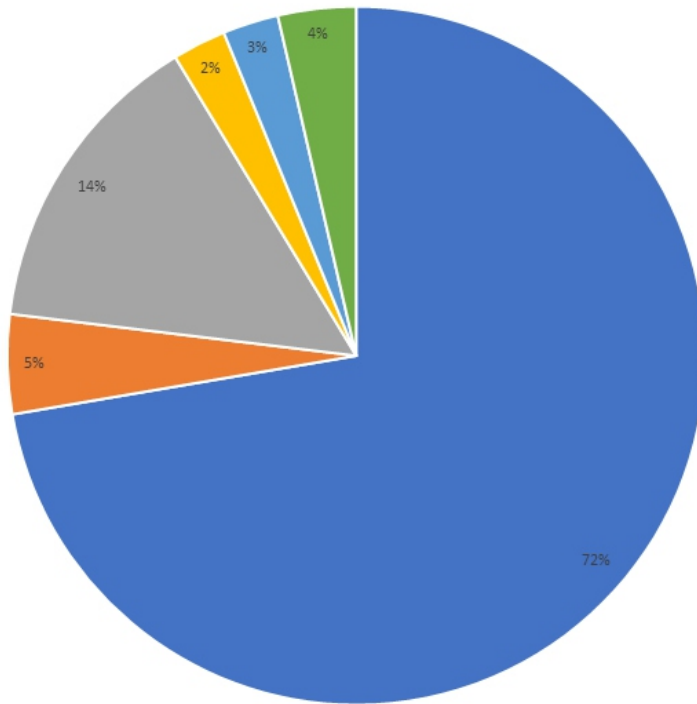
Though coronavirus can be detected in faeces and sewage systems through highly sensitive mechanisms, viruses detected this way are not infectious to others, and have been destroyed the gut.

Children cannot get COVID-19

Unfortunately Though most COVID-19 cases have been in adults, children are just as likely to contract it, but their symptoms tend to be less severe. More than half a million children in the US have caught COVID-19, and 10% of cases in Nigeria have been children.

## COVID-19 public funds and donations received

Sources of funds (Percentage)



- Private sector
- House of Representatives
- Petroleum Equalization Management Board
- Senate
- China General Chambers of Commerce
- Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board

S/N	Source of Funds	Payment channel	Amount spent in Naira
1	Private sector (Nigerians and companies)	First bank, Access bank, GTB, Zenith bank, UBA	1.4 billion
2	Senate	CBN	89 million
3	House of Representatives	CBN	279 million
4	China General Chambers of Commerce	Undisclosed	48 million
5	Petroleum Equalization Management Board	Undisclosed	50 million
6	Nigeria Content Development and Monitoring Board	Undisclosed	70 million

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE IN NIGERIA AT AS TODAY - 11/09/2020

**56,017**

CONFIRMED CASES

**1,076**

DEATHS

**43,998**

RECOVERED

**438,135**

TESTED