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Marsabit County on Wednesday announced closure of it's Mandera border for the next 21 days.

The move follows, Tuesday's two confirmed Corona virus cases in Mandera county by health ministry.

"This is why we have now made the decision to close all the designated border points between Marsabit and Mandera with immediate effect," Governor Mohamud Ali said during county brief on Covid 19.

He mentioned the border entries of Watiti, Basir, Dabel, Badan Arero and the famous Bosnia route to remain closed for 21 days.

He added that during this period there will be no movement to and from Mandera county by roads whether on foot, by car, bus or on motorcycles during the day and at night.

He said security agencies have been directed to enforce the directive and put 24 hour surveillance on corridors of the border.

The Governor mentioned that so far, there are no confirmed case in Marsabit but the confirmed cases in Mandera are of more concern to county citing the closeness of the two counties and porous borderlines they share.

"We will continue to review our progress and protocols for the containment of COVID-19 and we will update residents as frequently as we can," he assured.

The Governor called on residents to unite and cooperate with government agencies in order to prevent the spread of this deadly virus.

"I am optimistic that we shall defeat this virus and eradicate it from the face of the earth," he said.

The county boss further reminded the locals to regularly wash their hands, observe social distance, staying at home and fully abide by the government directives at all time.