

Seventh-day Adventist® Church

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It seems like uncharted times we are living in, but God gives us Psalm 91 as a promise:

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence" (Psalm 91:1-3).

Most importantly, Jesus is our refuge and strength, and Psalms 91 is also our promise of God's umbrella of protection during troubled times.

School Closure - *for Health & Wellness*

March 16, 2020

We know and understand that our school communities are growing increasingly concerned with the announcement of local cases of COVID-19. The Atlantic Provinces and Public Health are monitoring each case. In our due diligence to take precautionary measures, Sandy Lake Academy will be closed the two weeks following March Break, which is March 16-April 5, 2020 inclusively. Sandy Lake Academy, unless you are further notified by the Maritime Conference, will reopen on April 6, 2020.

Please note:

- The School will undergo a deep cleaning with disinfecting protocols on high traffic touchpoints (example: doorknobs, light switches, desktops, etc.).
- This is a preliminary period and will be reassessed before April 6, 2020, according to provincial regulations.
- The School will be in touch with resources for the two weeks following March Break and for those classes that have credit requirements.
- This is not a time to enjoy vacationing, but to enhance self-isolation protocols, being conscientious to take the World Health Organization's recommendation for increased social distancing.
- If you or your child have symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing, have travelled outside Canada or have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, stay home.
- Anyone returning from any type of travel from outside Canada must self-isolate for 14 days.

- **Public Health recommends the following to help prevent respiratory illnesses, including flu and COVID-19, from spreading:**
 - Wash your hands often and well
 - Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
 - Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched
 - Stay at home and away from others if you are feeling ill
 - When sick, cover your cough and sneezes and then wash your hands



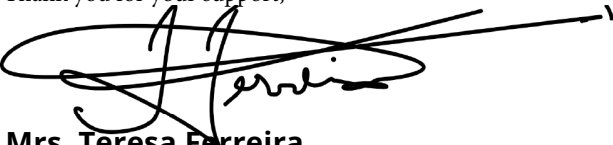
NS Health and Government of Canada Protocol

Nova Scotia Health Authority has guided the province to attempt to get out in front of the virus before we have an increase in cases as in other provinces. Premier, Stephen McNeil is quoted as saying, "Our No. 1 priority will be the public's safety and the health [and] safety of Nova Scotians and their children." [1]

*We advise that you continue to refer to the Nova Scotia Government website <https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/> for current information about Alerts and notices; COVID-19 testing data; When to seek help; Protecting yourself from Coronavirus; Travel advice; Government's response to Coronavirus.

The Maritime Conference Office of Education is in dialogue with local school leadership (Principal & School Board) regarding a contingency plan should NS Health Authority or the Maritime Conference require schools to close for some time. We remain committed to communicating these messages.

Thank you for your support,



Mrs. Teresa Ferreira

Education Superintendent,
MARITIME CONFERENCE

Supporting Websites

<https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/>
<https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories>

Advent Health Info on Coronavirus:

https://www.adventhealth.com/coronavirus-resource-hub/church-resources?fbclid=IwAR1HHIV9yD6xrlr-LTg1G_C8gKoPEbjk7Rc9OjIPwfBGUz1Uvitj107n7o

Clean Hands Help Prevent:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XHISh559oho&fbclid=IwAR1HXs3pG0RP_seS7Hmyh6JDCYWc6P5NwHCH2FOe36CxMQsjmVXbGEU2XB0

Interview with Dr. Neil Nedley of Weimar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKjvOYp3D3Y&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR0XIHMaVxpRluEmLoxOJp5o8zZmaAwum6D7xP0MzpdErsSSB2z518BiRQI>

[1] <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nova-scotia-presumptive-cases-covid-19-coronavirus-1.5498463>

