

Seventh-day Adventist® Church

MARITIME CONFERENCE
EDUCATION



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*

April 5, 2020

As the health authorities announced recently in regard to school closures, the Maritime Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have decided to close the school facility at Sandy Lake Academy while still maintaining an online educational platform. This decision will be reassessed on or before May 1, 2020. The high standard of education will continue as more permanent schedules are developed to facilitate a quality virtual learning experience.

As Zoom now becomes the mode of learning, there are some flaws we must be aware of:

- Zoom does not use end-to-end encryption, despite all claims otherwise¹
- Hijacking of camera and microphone²
- In-app surveillance³
- Selling user data⁴
- Personal information exposed (i.e. device owner, pictures, email addresses)⁵
- Credential theft (user ID and password)⁶
- Phishing attacks⁷
- Uninvited guests spying and interception into meeting information and live meetings (aka "Zoombombing")⁸
- Malware infection⁹

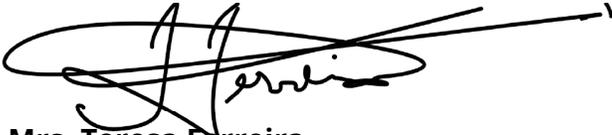
Teachers have been instructed in a QuickGuide Reference produced from the North American Division (NAD) to assist with not only the questions of setup and operation, but measures for safety and privacy protocols, as well. There will be sent out a Privacy Letter & Waiver for all users and participants of Zoom education to be using during this time of crisis. Thank you for your keen awareness and attentive support as we navigate these changing waters together!



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; and the Government's response to Coronavirus.

Thank you for your continued support, as we prayerfully entrust our unknown future to a KNOWN God.

Blessings In Service,



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Supporting Websites

<https://novascotia.ca/CoronaVirus/>

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

- [1] <https://theintercept.com/2020/03/31/zoom-meeting-encryption/>
- [2] <https://www.forbes.com/sites/thomasbrewster/2020/04/02/why-zoom-really-needs-better-privacy-13-million-orders-show-the-us-governments-covid-19-response-is-now-relying-on-it/#18bb20c277e8>
- [3] <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/apr/02/zoom-technology-security-coronavirus-video-conferencing>
- [4] <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/apr/02/zoom-technology-security-coronavirus-video-conferencing>
- [5] <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/02/tech/zoom-ceo-apology-privacy/index.html>
- [6] <https://techxplore.com/news/2020-04-flaw.html> & <https://techxplore.com/news/2020-04-vows-privacy-safety-issues-complaints.html>
- [7] <https://mashable.com/article/hackers-zoom-domain-names-coronavirus/>
- [8] <https://www.npr.org/2020/04/03/826129520/a-must-for-millions-zoom-has-a-dark-side-and-an-fbi-warning>
- [9] <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/hackers-take-advantage-of-zooms-popularity-to-push-malware/>

