

**Ontario Nurses' Association
Weekly Media Scan & Media Release Summary**

April 8 to 12, 2024

ONA coverage:

Nurses and their union demand changes at MAHC

Doppleronline, April 6, 2024

[Nurses and their union demand changes at MAHC - Huntsville Doppler \(doppleronline.ca\)](https://doppleronline.ca)

Nurses At Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Rallied And Donned Stickers Reading “RNs: Staff Us, Retain Us,”

Muskoka 411, April 6, 2024

[Nurses At Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare Rallied And Donned Stickers Reading “RNs: Staff Us, Retain Us,” \(muskoka411.com\)](https://muskoka411.com)

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare registered nurses fight to save care

Muskoka Region, April 5, 2024

[Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare RNs fight to save care \(muskokaregion.com\)](https://muskokaregion.com)

ONA rallies outside South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge			
Program:	News	Air Time: 16:00 PM - 19:00 PM	Date: 2024-Apr-05 17:03 PM
Station:	CFBG FM (Moose FM)	Network: Haliburton Broadcasting Group	City: Bracebridge
Reporter:	Announcer Copy	Length: 1:00	Province: Ontario
Interview:	Ruth Shaw, President of Bargaining Unit, Ontario Nurses Association;		
Note:	Ruth Shaw, President of the local bargaining unit for the Ontario Nurses Association today participated in a rally outside South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge. Shaw has also met with Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare to discuss how nurses can provide the best possible care to patients, with the focus of the meeting being on staffing recruitment and retention.		
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Long-term care nurses ink new deal with Kirkland Lake

Timmins Today, April 5, 2024

[Long-term care nurses ink new deal with Kirkland Lake - TimminsToday.com](https://timminstoday.com)

LIVE NOW: It's April 9. Old-fashioned café coming to Gravenhurst, plus Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare registered nurses hold rally and share your community success with us

MuskokaRegion.com, April 9, 2024

[Breakdown of top Muskoka stories \(muskokaregion.com\)](https://muskokaregion.com)

Town ratifies deal with Ontario Nurses' Association

Kirkland Lake Northern Daily News, April 11, 2024

[Kirkland Lake Northern Daily News \(Print Edition\)](https://www.kirklandlakenews.com)

City transparency: Looking for other quiet salary adjustments

Sudbury.com, April 19, 2024

[City transparency: Looking for other quiet salary adjustments - Sudbury News](https://www.sudbury.com)

Long-Term Care Nurses and Health-care Professionals to Hold Pickets on Friday Across Ontario

Yahoo Finance, April 11, 2024

[MEDIA ADVISORY - Long-Term Care Nurses and Health-care Professionals to Hold Pickets on Friday Across Ontario \(yahoo.com\)](https://finance.yahoo.com)

Nursing coverage:

Prof's work advancing nursing makes impact

EducationNewsCanada.com, April 10, 2024

[York University - Prof's work advancing nursing makes impact \(educationnewscanada.com\)](https://www.educationnewscanada.com)

New age dawn for Nipissing nursing students

Niagara Falls Review, April 9, 2024

[New age dawn for Nipissing nursing students \(niagarafallsreview.ca\)](https://www.niagarafallsreview.ca)

St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ont. receives accreditation for degree in science nursing

Global News, April 9, 2024

[St. Lawrence College in Kingston, Ont. receives accreditation for degree in science nursing - Kingston | Globalnews.ca](https://www.globalnews.ca)

Craig: Let's fix Canada's nursing shortage before it gets even worse

Ottawa Citizen, April 11, 2024

[Craig: Let's fix Canada's nursing shortage before it gets even worse \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

Sudbury nurse practitioners want action on staffing crisis

Sudbury.com, April 11, 2024

[Sudbury nurse practitioners want action on staffing crisis - Sudbury News](#)

COVID-19 coverage:

Severe COVID leads to higher risk of pulmonary fibrosis: research

CBC News, April 8, 2024

[Severe COVID leads to higher risk of pulmonary fibrosis: research | CBC News](#)

Hospitalizations nudge upward in otherwise stable respiratory checkup

CBC News, April 11, 2024

[Hospitalizations nudge upward in otherwise stable respiratory checkup | CBC News](#)

Industry coverage:

Hundreds rally against closure of Mississauga retirement home

CityNews, April 6, 2024

[Hundreds rally against closure of Mississauga retirement home \(citynews.ca\)](#)

New study shows promising results for HSN's addiction treatment programs, reducing ER visits

CBC News, April 8, 2024

[New study shows promising results for HSN's addiction treatment programs, reducing ER visits | CBC News](#)

Hospital CEO agrees with Romanick inquest recommendation to expand mental health service

CBC News, April 8, 2024

[Hospital CEO agrees with Romanick inquest recommendation to expand mental health service | CBC News](#)

What this Toronto doctor has seen overseas helps him talk to parents about vaccine hesitancy

Toronto Star, April 6, 2024

[His work overseas helps him talk to parents about vaccines \(thestar.com\)](#)

OPH seeks provincial dollars to address health inspector shortage

CBC News, April 7, 2024

[OPH seeks provincial dollars to address health inspector shortage | CBC News](#)

Health unit resumes school immunization program for Grade 7 students

Doppleronline, April 7, 2024

[Health unit resumes school immunization program for Grade 7 students - Huntsville Doppler \(doppleronline.ca\)](#)

Our plan to deliver a bright future for healthcare team members: MAHC

Doppleronline, April 7, 2024

[Our plan to deliver a bright future for healthcare team members: MAHC - Huntsville Doppler \(doppleronline.ca\)](#)

Protecting public health care from private investors

Toronto Star, April 9, 2024

[Private equity threats to health care \(thestar.com\)](#)

Hospital CEO agrees with Romanick inquest recommendation to expand mental health service

CBC News, April 8, 2024

[Hospital CEO agrees with Romanick inquest recommendation to expand mental health service | CBC News](#)

Big hike in BCHS workers on Sunshine List; Retroactive pay factor at healthcare system

Brantford Expositor, April 9, 2024

[Brantford Expositor \(Print Edition\)](#)

Advocates say end of funding for HIV self-tests creates barrier to care

CBC News, April 9, 2024

[Advocates say end of funding for HIV self-tests creates barrier to care | CBC News](#)

Will Ontario ever have enough health-care workers? Does anyone know?

The Trillium, April 9, 2024

[Will Ontario ever have enough health-care workers? Does anyone know? - The Trillium](#)

Niagara Health Addresses Worker Shortage

105theriver.ca, April 9, 2024

[Niagara Health Addresses Worker Shortage - The River \(105theriver.ca\)](#)

PCs pledge to end nurse practitioner 'loophole.' What about other private-pay clinics?

The Trillium, April 9, 2024

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Pay your bills or buy groceries? These are the hard choices as food insecurity rises in northwestern Ontario

CBC News, April 9, 2024

[Pay your bills or buy groceries? These are the hard choices as food insecurity rises in northwestern Ontario | CBC News](#)

'I'm not paying it': Family furious over \$400/day hospital fine for not moving to LTC

The Canadian Press, April 10, 2024

[Family furious over \\$400/day hospital fine for not moving to LTC \(citynews.ca\)](#)

BC government to create provincial policy after nurses' complaints of illicit drug use in hospitals

The Globe and Mail, April 9, 2024

[BC government to create provincial policy after nurses' complaints of illicit drug use in hospitals - The Globe and Mail](#)

Case of measles confirmed in Ontario with possible health clinic exposure

CTV News, April 10, 2024

[Ontario measles: Case confirmed in Halton | CTV News](#)

Ontario spending less per capita — including on health care — than other provinces: report

The Trillium, April 10, 2024

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'Hundreds of thousands' of seniors will get subsidized dental care next month, health minister vows

CBC News, April 11, 2024

['Hundreds of thousands' of seniors will get subsidized dental care next month, health minister vows | CBC News](#)

North Bay mother travels to Ottawa to advocate for better cancer care and treatment

CBC News, April 10, 2024

[North Bay mother travels to Ottawa to advocate for better cancer care and treatment | CBC News](#)

Sudbury and North Bay exceed Ontario's housing goals thanks to long-term care beds

CBC News, April 11, 2024

[Sudbury and North Bay exceed Ontario's housing goals thanks to long-term care beds | CBC News](#)

Supervised consumption site in Timmins, Ont. gets temporary funding to run until June 30

CBC News, April 10, 2024

[Supervised consumption site in Timmins, Ont. gets temporary funding to run until June 30 | CBC News](#)

Ontario's health spending lowest in Canada in 2022-2023: report

CBC News, April 10, 2024

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Guelph long-term care home set to close

CTV News, April 11, 2024

[Guelph long-term care home set to close | CTV News](#)

Ontario won't divulge total fines for hospital patients refusing transfers to LTC

Canadian Press, April 11, 2024

[Ontario won't divulge total fines for hospital patients refusing transfers to LTC \(thestar.com\)](#)

Google searches for eye damage jump in Ontario, clinics seeing patients after eclipse

Toronto Star, April 10, 2024

[Google searches for eye damage jump in Ontario after eclipse \(thestar.com\)](#)

The dangers of opioids are well-known. But we should heed the warning from Ontario's top doctor of other serious public health risks

Toronto Star, April 12, 2024

[Honest talk about our public health risks \(thestar.com\)](#)

Smitherman: National pharmacare plan is poor public policy

Toronto Star, April 12, 2024

[National pharmacare plan is poor public policy \(thestar.com\)](#)

Quadriplegic Quebec man chooses assisted dying after 4-day ER stay leaves horrific bedsore

CBC News, April 12, 2024

[Quadriplegic Quebec man chooses assisted dying after 4-day ER stay leaves horrific bedsore | CBC News](#)

Kapuskasing's health care system is too strained to welcome evacuees from James Bay, says hospital

CBC News, April 12, 2024

[Kapusksing's health care system is too strained to welcome evacuees from James Bay, says hospital | CBC News](#)

Labour coverage:

Air Canada, WestJet flights could be affected as airline food service workers threaten to strike

Toronto Star, April 10, 2024

https://www.thestar.com/business/air-canada-westjet-flights-could-be-affected-as-airline-food-service-workers-threaten-to-strike/article_b783229a-f694-11ee-b5a6-ff75eba01c58.htm

TTC electrical and trades workers are preparing to strike

Toronto Star, April 11, 2024

[TTC electrical and trades workers are preparing to strike \(thestar.com\)](#)

‘Underpaid, understaffed superheroes’: Alliston personal support workers, nurses demand living wage

Alliston Herald, April 12, 2024

[Alliston retirement home workers demand a living wage \(simcoe.com\)](#)

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

Time to protect Toronto’s religious and cultural spaces against hate

Toronto Star, April 8, 2024

[Time to protect religious and cultural spaces against hate \(thestar.com\)](#)

WSIB confirms homophobia contributed to Toronto firefighter’s stress injury

Toronto Star, April 6, 2024

[Homophobia contributed to firefighter’s stress injury: WSIB \(thestar.com\)](#)

Toronto’s Catholic board is being urged to fly the ‘pro-life’ flag at every school in May. Trustees are at odds over it

Toronto Star, April 10, 2024

[Toronto’s Catholic board urged to fly ‘pro-life’ flag in May \(thestar.com\)](#)

For Jews in Canada, every day feels like Al-Quds Day

Toronto Star, April 10, 2024

[For Jews in Canada, every day feels like Al-Quds Day \(thestar.com\)](#)

Livestreamed transphobic assault in Hamilton shows why Canada must be tougher on hate, expert says

CBC News, April 11, 2024

[Livestreamed transphobic assault in Hamilton shows why Canada must be tougher on hate, expert says | CBC News](#)

Black Canadians' economic disadvantage is worsening – here's how to fix it

Globe and Mail, April 11, 2024

[Opinion: Black Canadians' economic disadvantage is worsening – here's how to fix it - The Globe and Mail](#)

Opinion: We must prioritize Indigenous-led solutions to improve health outcomes

Healthing, April 10, 2024

[Opinion: We must prioritize Indigenous-led solutions to improve health outcomes | Healthing.ca](#)

Story Time with Thunder Bay Drag Queens returns after bomb threat cancels last event

CBC News, April 12, 2024

[Story Time with Thunder Bay Drag Queens returns after bomb threat cancels last event | CBC News](#)

Ontarian wins legal battle for public funding of gender-affirming surgery argued as 'experimental'

CTV News, April 11, 2024

[Ontarian wins legal battle for public funding of gender-affirming surgery | CP24.com](#)

Political coverage:

Provincial government refuses to answer more questions on controversial long-term care law

CBC News, April 5, 2024

[Provincial government refuses to answer more questions on controversial long-term care law | CBC News](#)

Ontario needs a fiscal conservative party. Doug Ford's PCs aren't it

The Globe and Mail, April 6, 2024

[Globe editorial: Ontario needs a fiscal conservative party. Doug Ford's PCs aren't it - The Globe and Mail](#)

Democracy Watch makes case in appeals court for judicial reviews of integrity commissioner rulings

The Trillium, April 5, 2024

[Democracy Watch makes case in appeals court for judicial reviews of integrity commissioner rulings - The Trillium](#)

Ford government promises to close fee-for-service health-care loophole

Global News, April 8, 2024

[Ford government promises to close fee-for-service health-care loophole | Globalnews.ca](#)

Ontario NDP calls for a special audit into clinics charging for primary health care

Ottawa Citizen, April 8, 2024

[Ontario NDP calls for a special audit into clinics charging for primary health care \(msn.com\)](#)

Attorney general's appointees to legal aid funding foundation include a relative and past lawyer for Doug Ford

The Trillium, April 8, 2024

[Attorney general's appointees to legal aid funding foundation include a relative and past lawyer for Doug Ford - The Trillium](#)

How Ontario can strive toward "fixing health care"

The Niagara Independent, April 9, 2024

[The Niagara Independent](#)

Ontario looking to add student accommodation to its definition of new housing

The Trillium, April 9, 2024

[Ontario looking to add student accommodation to its definition of new housing | Globalnews.ca](#)

Doug Ford bristles at questions about \$100,000 salaries in his office

Toronto Star, April 8, 2024

[Doug Ford bristles at questions about salaries in his office \(thestar.com\)](#)

'It's very, very strange': Key figures in Doug Ford's \$8.28B Greenbelt land swap are still waiting for RCMP questions

Toronto Star, April 9, 2024

[Key figures in Greenbelt land swap haven't heard from RCMP \(thestar.com\)](#)

Doug Ford can fix your LCBO bag woes — just don't expect him to do the important part of his job

Toronto Star, April 9, 2024

[Doug Ford can fix your LCBO bag woes — but don't expect more \(thestar.com\)](#)

Dental associations are ‘negotiating’ ahead of federal dental plan rollout, health minister says

The Canadian Press, April 9, 2024

[Dental associations are ‘negotiating’ ahead of federal dental plan rollout, health minister says - The Globe and Mail](#)

Liberal budget to include \$500-million for youth mental health, Freeland says

The Globe and Mail, April 9, 2024

[Liberal budget to include \\$500-million for youth mental health, Freeland says - The Globe and Mail](#)

The Ford government needs to get real about its own housing statistics

TVO.org, April 9, 2024

[The Ford government needs to get real about its own housing statistics | TVO Today](#)

Doug Ford gifted with can of gravy amid office spending blowback

Global News, April 9, 2024

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Ford government says it will support NDP bill to declare intimate partner violence an epidemic

The Trillium, April 10, 2024

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What's Ontario's path back to a balanced budget? A former provincial chief economist weighs in

TVO.org, April 10, 2024

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Doug Ford should stop subsidizing our hydro bills — because he’s starving health care and education to pay for it

Toronto Star, April 11, 2024

[Ford's hydro subsidies starve health care and education \(thestar.com\)](#)

Sunshine List criterion misleading, outdated and needs to be adjusted for inflation

Toronto Star, April 11, 2024

[Sunshine List needs to be adjusted for inflation \(thestar.com\)](#)

Doug Ford may not be able to get you a family doctor. But he can bring back paper bags

Globe and Mail, April 10, 2024

[Opinion: Doug Ford may not be able to get you a family doctor. But he can bring back paper bags - The Globe and Mail](#)

Doug Ford's government is hands-off — except when it's not

TVO.org, April 10, 2024

[Doug Ford's government is hands-off — except when it's not | TVO Today](#)

Former Public Health Ontario Managers Decry Plans To Close Labs, Phase Out Well Water Testing

Frontenac News, April 10, 2024

[Frontenac News - Former Public Health Ontario Managers Decry Plans To Close Labs, Phase Out Well Water Testing](#)

Doug Ford defends delay in declaring an epidemic in intimate partner violence

Toronto Star, April 11, 2024

[Ford defends delay in declaring epidemic in partner violence \(thestar.com\)](#)

Gélinas: Northerners still get second-rate access to health care

Sudbury.com, April 11, 2024

[Gélinas: Northerners still get second-rate access to health care - Sudbury News](#)

Sudbury health-care startup secures \$250K from Catalyst Fund

Sudbury.com, April 11, 2024

[Sudbury health-care startup secures \\$250K from Catalyst Fund - Sudbury News](#)

Ontario's problem isn't the size of its government. It's the scope

TVO.org, April 11, 2024

[Ontario's problem isn't the size of its government. It's the scope | TVO Today](#)

'It's outrageous': Opposition decries attorney general's appointment of a family member

The Trillium, April 12, 2024

['It's outrageous': Opposition decries attorney general's appointment of a family member - The Trillium](#)

Media Release

Long-Term Care Nurses and Health Professionals Picket Across Ontario, Calling for Care Over Profit

TORONTO, ON, April 12, 2024 – Hundreds of Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) members held 37 pickets at corporate, for-profit long-term care homes in communities across Ontario today. Nurses and health-care professionals are calling out for-profit nursing home corporations, demanding that they stop compromising resident care while pocketing billion-dollar revenues.

“We are fighting for care, not profit, advocating for the vulnerable residents of Ontario’s corporate-owned long-term care homes,” says ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. “Our residents deserve to receive quality care, yet what we see is wealthy corporations making record profits on the backs of our residents and those who care for them. It’s not right, and it’s not safe.”

ONA will soon enter contract talks for its 3,000 members in this sector, including registered nurses, nurse practitioners, registered practical nurses, personal support workers and guest attendants. The top-two bargaining demands of the union are staffing ratios to improve resident care and equal wages with nurses and health-care professionals in hospitals to help retain and attract more workers to this sector.

“Current staffing levels make it very, very difficult to ensure residents get the care they need,” notes Ariss. “If these corporations don’t invest in staffing ratios and equal wages, it will continue to have repercussions for our hospitals, communities and across the health-care system. The pandemic should have been a wake-up call, but instead it’s business as usual for the likes of Extendicare and other for-profit nursing homes corporations.”

“We won’t give up this fight for our residents who deserve dignity and the best possible care, and our communities that need a strong long-term care system.”

ONA is the union representing over 68,000 registered nurses and health-care professionals, as well as 18,000 nursing student affiliates, providing care in hospitals, long-term care, public health, the community, clinics, and industry.