

Ontario Nurses' Association
Weekly Media Scan and Media Release Summary

September 22 to 26, 2025

Nursing coverage:

Laurentian nursing student finds purpose in serving Northern Ontario

Sudbury Star, September 21, 2025

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iHEAL program expands across southwestern Ontario

The Western Gazette, September 22, 2025

[iHEAL program expands across southwestern Ontario | News | westerngazette.ca](#)

TDMH to Hire Off-Load Nurse

HeartFM, September 23, 2025

[TDMH to Hire Off-Load Nurse - 104.7 Heart FM](#)

Industry coverage:

Hospital, police in talks about dedicated officers in ER

TB Newswatch, September 18, 2025

[Hospital, police in talks about dedicated officers in ER - TBNewsWatch.com](#)

Elon Musk's Neuralink brain chip clinical trial in Canada raises ethical questions

Canadian Press, September 19, 2025

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Health officials trying to tackle massive and 'tragic' use of vapes among teens

CBC News, September 22, 2025

[Health officials trying to tackle massive and 'tragic' use of vapes among teens | CBC News](#)

To keep its ER open, a Yellowknife hospital told doctors to name their price for summertime shifts

Globe and Mail, September 22, 2025

[To keep its ER open, a Yellowknife hospital told doctors to name their price for summertime shifts - The Globe and Mail](#)

Interest from U.S. doctors looking to work in Canada has spiked but few have made the move

Globe and Mail, September 21, 2025

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It's a scientific marvel, so why does the measles vaccine face apathy and anxiety?

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Health unit wants more screening to offset the spike in syphilis

Sudbury.com, September 21, 2025

[Health unit wants more screening to offset the spike in syphilis - Sudbury News](#)

Jury rules man's death at Sudbury hospital accidental

Sudbury.com, September 20, 2025

[Jury rules man's death at Sudbury hospital accidental - Sudbury News](#)

What to know as respiratory illness season begins in Ontario

CP24, September 22, 2025

[Ontario respiratory illness season: What to know](#)

Longtime CHEO clown Mollypenny passes away

CP24, September 22, 2025

[Ruth Cull: Longtime CHEO clown Mollypenny passes away](#)

Nova Scotia's approach to sepsis treatment offers life-saving lessons, advocates say

Globe and Mail, September 23, 2025

[Nova Scotia's approach to sepsis treatment offers life-saving lessons, advocates say - The Globe and Mail](#)

Opinion | Canada can't disparage vaccine rates in other countries. We have our own — big — problem

Toronto Star, September 23, 2025

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Mother searches for answers after public health says unsterile needles used at Ontario clinic

Canadian Press, September 23, 2025

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What we know about autism's causes and any potential link to Tylenol

The Associated Press, September 22, 2025

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'Get your shots,' health unit officials remind Londoners

CBC News, September 23, 2025

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Vanier gets care; New clinic, led by nurse practitioners, fills a desperate need

Ottawa Sun, September 23, 2025

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Sault Area Hospital facing 'significant pressure' on multiple fronts

SooToday, September 22, 2025

[Sault Area Hospital facing 'significant pressure' on multiple fronts - Sault Ste. Marie News](#)

Outbreak and virus dashboard returns

Simcoe Reformer, September 23, 2025

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How a single measles case became 5,000 – and the lessons not learned

Globe and Mail, September 22, 2025

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Deaths Rose in Emergency Rooms After Hospitals Were Acquired by Private Equity Firms

Harvard Medical School, September 22, 2025

[Deaths Rose in Emergency Rooms After Hospitals Were Acquired by Private Equity Firms | Harvard Medical School](#)

Why a new medical school in Ontario is focusing on culturally sensitive care

CBC News, September 24, 2025

[Why a new medical school in Ontario is focusing on culturally sensitive care | CBC Radio](#)

Cornwall's prescription for more medical staff includes loans, scholarships for nurses, doctors

CBC News, September 24, 2025

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Patients speak out after spending time in General hospital's 'garage'

CBC News, September 23, 2025

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B.C.'s failure to deliver

Globe and Mail, September 24, 2025

[OB/GYN shortage in B.C. threatens collapse in local maternity care - The Globe and Mail](#)

Sudbury health officials acted quickly to contain summer measles outbreak

Sudbury.com, September 23, 2025

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'Tylenol is the only medication we have that is safe throughout all trimesters': Doctor

CP24, September 23, 2025

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Labour coverage:

Algoma University faculty union waiting to hear about job cuts after international enrolment declines

CBC News, September 23, 2025

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College support staff strike enters 2nd week, northern unions say students bearing 'brunt of disruption'

CBC News, September 23, 2025

[College support staff strike enters 2nd week, northern unions say students bearing 'brunt of disruption' | CBC News](#)

Provincial mediator to help restart talks in college support staff strike

Toronto Star, September 23, 2025

[Mediator appointed to talks in college support staff strike](#)

Human Rights and Equity coverage:

Alberta premier argues for potential use of notwithstanding clause on transgender laws

The Canadian Press, September 21, 2025

[Alberta premier argues for potential use of notwithstanding clause on transgender laws | CBC News](#)

Ontario ombudsman calls out 'unacceptable' living conditions in Neskantaga First Nation

CBC News, September 23, 2025

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A GTA school board banned Every Child Matters flags. Now, some families are speaking out

CBC News, September 23, 2025

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'How in the world could this happen to children?' Former residential school in Ontario to open as museum

CBC News, September 23, 2025

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Political coverage:

Ontario NDP Leader Stiles wins leadership review, but says changes are needed

Toronto Star, September 21, 2025

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Opinion | Poilievre's back, but not by popular demand

Toronto Star, September 20, 2025

[Poilievre's back, but not by popular demand](#)

Rookie MPP Chris Scott arrested, ejected from Progressive Conservative caucus

Toronto Star, September 22, 2025

[Sault MPP Chris Scott arrested, ejected from Ontario PC caucus](#)

Ontario expanding primary care to connect 500,000 more residents

Sydenham Current, September 22, 2025

[Ontario expanding primary care to connect 500,000 more residents | Wallaceburg News | Local news in Wallaceburg, Dresden and surrounding areas.](#)

Former Toronto police chief Mark Saunders, former MPP Michael Ford join Travis Dhanraj's new PR firm

Toronto Star, September 22, 2025

[Mark Saunders, Michael Ford join Travis Dhanraj's PR firm](#)

Ontario NDP's Stiles shakes up team after leadership review

Canadian Press, September 22, 2025

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Health advocates call on Liberals to keep pharmacare promise ahead of budget

Canadian Press, September 22, 2025

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ANALYSIS: What are the limits of the notwithstanding clause?

TVO.org, September 23, 2025

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In-office rules for public servants thwarting plan to sell off space, government says

Canadian Press, September 24, 2025

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Adviser on Alberta's use of private clinics was also working for company vying for contract, confidential report says

Globe and Mail, September 24, 2025

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Here's what Trump's \$100,000 foreign worker fee could mean

London Free Press, September 24, 2025

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ONA coverage:

Ontario arbitrator confirms validity of LTD exception to mandatory retirement rule

Benefits Canada, September 24, 2025

[Ontario arbitrator confirms validity of LTD exception to mandatory retirement rule | Benefits Canada.com](#)

Industry coverage:

Ontario home care supply shortages caused by lack of planning, oversight: ombudsman

The Canadian Press, September 24, 2025

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Health Canada offers rebuttal to Trump's claims about Tylenol

CP24, September 24, 2025

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Researchers are projecting more cancer cases. Is Canada ready?

CBC News, September 24, 2025

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U.S. policy changes mean Canadian children with cancer are losing access to clinical trials

CBC News, September 25, 2025

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Nova Scotia man in desperate need of organ transplant turns to Ontario clinic for survival

CBC News, September 25, 2025

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Ontario Patient Ombudsman report slams Health atHome's bungling of medical supply shortages

Toronto Star, September 25, 2025

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Labour coverage:

Ontario college strike approaches 2-week mark without breakthrough

Global News, September 24, 2025

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'It's taking a toll': Families left scrambling by daycare closures as colleges, striking support staff to resume talks Friday

Toronto Star, September 24, 2025

[Ontario colleges, support staff to resume talks Friday](#)

Human Rights and Equity coverage:

Quebec bans gender-neutral pronouns in official state documents

Canadian Press, September 24, 2025

[Quebec bans gender-neutral pronouns in official state documents | Globalnews.ca](#)

Why a new medical school in Ontario is focusing on culturally sensitive care

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Political coverage:

'Incredibly troubling': Sault MPP's future unclear as NDP demands his resignation

Sudbury.com, September 24, 2025

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Ontario NDP, Liberal parties face difficult rebuilds ahead, experts say

CBC News, September 25, 2025

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Nursing coverage:

Barriers keep many immigrant nurses out of Canadian hospitals, despite demand

CityNews, September 25, 2025

[Barriers keep many immigrant nurses out of Canadian hospitals, despite demand](#)

Industry coverage:

Bluewater Health introduces advanced hysterectomy procedure

The Journal, September 25, 2025

[Bluewater Health introduces advanced hysterectomy procedure - The Sarnia Journal](#)

Why Canadian taxpayers spend millions on U.S. medical treatments

CBC News, September 26, 2025

[Why Canadian taxpayers spend millions on U.S. medical treatments | CBC News](#)

Ontario launches pilot project to support dementia patients in long-term care

Toronto Star, September 25, 2025

[Ontario launches pilot project to support dementia patients](#)

Labour coverage:

Canada Post workers walk off the job after government demands reforms

CBC News, September 25, 2025

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Canada Post is on strike. Here's what you need to know

CBC News, September 26, 2025

[Canada Post is on strike. Here's what you need to know | CBC News](#)

Human rights & equity coverage:

Burlington, Ont., man tells court he's 'remorseful' for violent threats against women on incel website

CBC News, September 26, 2025

[Burlington, Ont., man tells court he's 'remorseful' for violent threats against women on incel website | CBC News](#)

Political coverage:

Doug Ford blasts Carney government for proposal to limit use of the notwithstanding clause

Toronto Star, September 25, 2025

[Ford blasts Carney government over notwithstanding clause](#)

Ford government says it will ban speed cameras across Ontario

CBC News, September 25, 2025

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Ontario ends year with much less debt than expected in annual budget

CBC News, September 26, 2025

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Opinion | Mark Carney became PM because he reassured Canadians. Pierre Poilievre still can't help unsettling us

Toronto Star, September 26, 2025

[Poilievre's pushes disruption as Canadians seek stability](#)

MEDIA RELEASE

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Nurses Heading to Conciliation

NORTH BAY PARRY SOUND DISTRICT, ON, September 26, 2025 – The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA), the union representing 63 registered nurses (RNs) and one nurse practitioner (NP) working to provide a wide range of public health care and services to residents of 31 municipalities, six First Nations communities and four other areas, is entering conciliation on September 29 in an attempt to reach a respectful collective agreement with North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. The nurses are seeking a contract that provides wage increases following 12 years of contracts that have failed to keep up with inflation, representing a pay cut in real terms.

"Our nurses who provide care to numerous communities have been working without a contract since April 1 of this year," notes ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. "After three days of talks and five months, the two sides have yet to come to an agreement. We urge this employer's bargaining team to come to conciliation prepared to reach a respectful contract."

The health unit's service area spans more than 23,000 square kilometers and serves a population of approximately 134,400. The nurses' wages are near the very bottom in the province, although they have an enormous catchment area and diversity of residents to provide care and services to.

"Despite the immense population they care for, their wage increases have ranged from .5 to the 2.25 per cent range for the past dozen years," says Ariss. "Effectively, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has cut nurses' wages in real dollars."

She adds that ONA looks forward to a respectful and productive conciliation and a fair, respectful negotiated contract being reached.

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