

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

January 19 to 23, 2026

Nursing coverage:

How this woman's tragic death exposes a glaring hole in Ontario's oversight of med spas and beauty clinics

The Toronto Star, January 18, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/how-this-woman-s-tragic-death-exposes-a-glaring-hole-in-ontario-s-oversight-of/article_f43c173a-cd13-4ec3-95cf-7d6620e99657.html

She got Botox at a Toronto-area clinic and then researched the people behind it. What she found sent chills down her spine

The Toronto Star, January 16, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/she-got-botox-at-a-toronto-area-clinic-and-then-researched-the-people-behind-it/article_3fb5509c-5bb0-4933-87c6-5beaecd8460de.html

Industry coverage:

The work to better fit respirators on bearded Sikh men

CBC News, January 16, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7048992>

Sudbury mayor pushes to keep Lifelabs processing laboratory open

CBC News, January 16, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/lifelabs-sudbury-lab-closing-northern-ontario-9.7045923>

Health team outlines goals to improve access to health care in Ramara

Orillia Matters, January 16, 2026

<https://www.orilliamatters.com/local-news/health-team-outlines-goals-to-improve-access-to-health-care-in-ramara-11735557>

Labour coverage:

Faculty on strike at Laurentian University, classes temporarily cancelled

CBC News, January 19, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/laurentian-university-strike-9.7050863>

Federal government job cuts: Here's what we know so far

CBC News, January 16, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/canada-federal-government-public-service-job-cuts-losses-9.7045427>

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

Sexual assault survivor calls for accountability after police comments left her feeling 'humiliated'

CBC News, January 19, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-police-sexual-assault-survivor-anonymous-comments-9.7048668>

Uber called out by service dog users who are fed up with ride rejections

CBC News, January 19 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/gopublic/uber-service-dogs-9.7040700>

Report shows homelessness rising at 'unsustainable rate' in northern Ontario

CBC News, January 17, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/homeless-rising-northern-ontario-9.7045045>

Political coverage:

Doug Ford calls on Carney to 'step up' to help Ontario's auto sector after Chinese EV deal

The Toronto Star, January 19, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/doug-ford-calls-on-carney-to-step-up-to-help-ontarios-auto-sector-after-chinese/article_1f156dd6-35e2-4586-9e50-c98935232861.html

Nursing coverage:

Opinion | Five steps Ontario can take to reduce hospital wait times and reinforce — not abandon — the public not-for-profit health-care system

The Toronto Star, January 20, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/five-steps-ontario-can-take-to-reduce-hospital-wait-times-and-reinforce-not-abandon-the/article_ba29d4d4-c2d6-40d0-b67f-bb932d068795.html

Industry coverage:

Eastern Ontario wardens want regulatory college for paramedics

CBC News, January 20, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/eastern-ontario-wardens-push-for-paramedic-college-9.7052210>

Guelph police look to add 2nd full-time mental-health worker downtown

CBC News, January 20, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/guelph-police-second-impact-worker-mental-health-downtown-9.7051330>

Volunteer program for immigrant doctors to improve medical English gets big boost

The Globe and Mail, January 20, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-volunteer-program-immigrant-doctors-medical-english-help-cma/>

Still waiting for a family doctor? London area sees signs that recruitment efforts are working

CBC News, January 19, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-doctors-9.7051785>

New mental health van aims to support First Nations people in Thunder Bay, Ont.

CBC News, January 19, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/ifna-mobile-mental-outreach-van-9.7051820>

AI note taking

The Advocate, January 19, 2026

<https://lindsayadvocate.ca/ai-note-taking/>

Labour coverage:

Remote workers at Global Affairs say they're being forced to transfer to capital

CBC News, January 19, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/remote-workers-at-global-affairs-say-they-re-being-forced-to-transfer-to-capital-9.7051840>

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

Woman fights eviction order after husband removed from home for domestic violence ends tenancy

CBC News, January 20, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/woman-fights-eviction-order-after-husband-removed-from-home-for-domestic-violence-ends-tenancy/article_4c304dd8-ae36-46ac-a343-a1075b17e547.html

'It's kind of stressful what's happening': Evacuee from Kashechewan shares her experience

CBC News, January 19, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7051644>

ONA coverage:

People opposed to private health-care option in Ontario, poll shows

Insauga, January 21, 2026

<https://www.insauga.com/people-opposed-to-private-health-care-option-in-ontario-poll-shows/>

Nursing coverage:

Opinion: Far-right ideology is a prescription for bad health

The Hill Times, January 20, 2026

<https://www.hilltimes.com/story/2026/01/20/far-right-ideology-is-a-prescription-for-bad-health/488352/>

Industry coverage:

Toronto hospital to double housing program that reduces ER visits

CBC News, January 21, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ont-dunn-house-9.7053527>

Ontario building and expanding 16 teaching clinics to connect 300,000 more people to primary care

The Manitoulin Expositor, January 21, 2026

<https://www.manitoulin.com/ontario-building-and-expanding-16-teaching-clinics-to-connect-300000-more-people-to-primary-care/>

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

No date set yet by Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on claims of discriminatory funding by FN police chiefs

CBC News, January 21, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/indigenous-police-chiefs-first-nation-underfunding-discrimination-inadequate-9.7053357>

Political coverage:

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre will run in a different riding next federal election: party

CBC News, January 20, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/pierre-poilievre-conservative-party-riding-9.7053418>

ONA coverage:

We have a constitutional right to free, public health care | Letters to the Editor

The Ottawa Citizen, January 22, 2026

<https://ottawacitizen.com/opinion/right-to-free-health-care>

Industry coverage:

Health Canada warns about fake or unauthorized versions of GLP-1 drugs

CBC News, January 21, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/ozempic-health-canada-counterfeit-9.7054857>

A Toronto hospital's mass-casualty war game puts Canada's health care system to the test

The Globe and Mail, January 22, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-mass-casualty-war-game-civilian-health-care-system-test/>

Dental care benefits for First Nations and Inuit falling behind Canadian standards, say dentists

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/nihb-dental-care-indigenous-9.7030503>

Reminders sent to 13,000 students in Waterloo region with outdated vaccination records

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/waterloo-region-student-vaccination-record-suspension-notices-9.7055066>

Five cancer drugs funded quickly through Ontario pilot project

The Globe and Mail, January 22, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-five-cancer-drugs-funded-ontario-pilot-project/>

Toronto man killed his mom soon after obtaining her email to his doctor, warning about his paranoid delusions

The Toronto Star, January 22, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/toronto-man-killed-his-mom-soon-after-obtaining-her-email-to-his-doctor-warning-about/article_9fe2610d-1a2d-4cf6-a315-248110e0509c.html

Labour coverage:

Ontario's workplace safety board is spending over \$800K on an ad blitz. Its own workers are questioning why

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/wsib-advertising-campaign-criticized-9.7055023>

Ministry of Labour investigating after city worker dies at Scarborough recreation centre

The Toronto Star, January 21, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/ministry-of-labour-investigating-after-city-worker-dies-at-scarborough-recreation-centre/article_73e96e2b-0be9-4dfe-a2df-3bc87cb175c9.html

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

Charity works to get menstrual products to Kashechewan First Nation evacuees

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/kashechewan-menstrual-products-clean-water-9.7055114>

Nearly \$7M in federal money for homeless food, shelter programs about to end in London

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/federal-housing-money-9.7055196>

Political coverage:

Number of homeless ODSP, OW recipients in Ontario surges 72% since 2019: report

CBC News, January 21, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/odsp-ontario-works-homelessness-9.7053376>

Doug Ford calls for Chinese EV boycott in Canada after Carney deal

The Canadian Press, January 21, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/doug-ford-chinese-electric-vehicles-carney-9.7054922>

Canada is asking the court to dismiss hundreds of immigration cases.

Here's why

The Toronto Star, January 22, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/immigration-cases-dismissal-sought/article_5426148c-25ee-4988-a408-f5f312b17487.html

Why the Canada Pension Plan investment board is lending nearly half a billion dollars to Elon Musk's deepfake-producing company

The Toronto Star, January 22, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/business/why-the-canada-pension-plan-investment-board-is-lending-nearly-half-a-billion-dollars-to/article_32f58be7-a9d7-4942-a942-401e1d9bd250.html

ONA coverage:

Southeast Public Health redeploying workers as nurses' union objects

The Belleville Intelligencer, January 22, 2026

<https://www.intelligencer.ca/news/southeast-public-health-redeployment-offices>

Nursing coverage:

A nurse on the line? Essex-Windsor EMS pitches change to how 911 calls are handled

CTV News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/windsor/article/a-nurse-on-the-line-essex-windsor-ems-pitches-change-to-how-911-calls-are-handled/>

Two Headwaters MCRT nurses awarded for exemplary service

The Orangeville Citizen, January 22, 2026

<https://citizen.on.ca/two-headwaters-mcrt-nurses-awarded-for-exemplary-service/>

Industry coverage:

Ontario hospitals making 'lower risk' cuts to save money: association

The Canadian Press, January 23, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/hospital-association-low-risk-cuts-9.7057576>

Opinion | Jan. 19: Start hospital cuts at the top, Canada in Trump's sights next and other letters to the editor

The Toronto Star, January 19, 2026

https://www.thespec.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/letters-to-the-editor/article_bc0f17d8-f795-5e81-ac1a-d1a8d7490fc0.html

Sioux Lookout First Nation Health Authority launches campaign encouraging cancer screenings

CBC News, January 23, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/sioux-lookout-first-nation-health-authority-launches-campaign-encouraging-cancer-screenings-9.7056649>

Labour coverage:

Civil servants navigating job trades, buy-outs amid public service cuts

CBC News, January 23, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/alternations-job-trades-competitions-civil-service-9.7056513>

Thunder Bay Pulp and Paper to discontinue newsprint mill operations, impacting 150 workers

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/thunder-pulp-paper-newsprint-mill-closure-9.7056109>

Toronto real estate: 100,000 jobs at risk as new home sales drop to lowest level in 45 years

The Toronto Star, January 22, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/real-estate/toronto-real-estate-100-000-jobs-at-risk-as-new-home-sales-drop-to-lowest/article_b9b3f36c-4a49-4c71-a870-be615d794ca7.html

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

The violence began behind closed doors. It ended in Canada's worst mass shooting

CBC News, January 21, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/lisa-banfield-memoir-ns-shooting-9.7054104>

Searching for Ontario's missing Black boys

CBC News, January 23, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ontario-missing-boys-9.7052889>

Hamilton parents of boy killed by city bus call for Ontario to better support students with special needs

CBC News, January 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/max-simao-killed-hamilton-city-bus-calls-more-supports-students-school-exclusion-9.7056238>

Media Releases

'Where's the Plan?' Ontario Nurses' Association Raises Concerns as Six Southeast Public Health Offices Go Staff-Free

TORONTO, ON, January 22, 2026 – Staff at six Southeast Public Health offices have been informed they will be redeployed to other locations by March 1, raising serious concerns about whether essential services will continue to be available at those sites once they are left without staff.

“The offices in Almonte, Gananoque, Kemptville, Napanee, Perth, and Trenton will be unstaffed as of March 1. This raises urgent questions about whether much-needed client services will no longer be available within these locations. Our clients deserve clear

answers,” notes Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) Provincial President Erin Ariss. ONA represents some of the workers employed at the affected offices.

“If services are discontinued at these offices, residents may be forced to travel much farther to receive the support they need from Southeast Public Health,” says Ariss. “At a time when demand for public health programs is at an all-time high across Ontario, shutting six offices could have dangerous impacts. Residents must continue to receive the vital services they rely on locally.”

The Boards of Health reviewed the employer’s proposal and clearly indicated they did not support closing these offices to staff effective March 1, yet the employer is pushing ahead, notes Ariss. “There has been no clarity about whether the services will be delivered after March 1 in these offices. Where’s the plan?”

Like other areas of health care in Ontario, the Ford government’s underfunding of public health has put pressure on the sector to cut programs and services for the province’s most vulnerable populations. “Those who need public health services the most often have the least ability to travel long distances to access care,” says Ariss. “ONA demands meaningful consultation with residents and staff occur before any permanent decisions are made.”

ONA is the union representing 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.