

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

**May 11 to 15, 2026**

**ONA coverage:**

**Ontario nurses launch Charter challenge to overturn 1965 arbitration law**

HR News Canada, May 11, 2026

<https://hrlawcanada.com/2026/05/ontario-nurses-launch-charter-challenge-to-overturn-1965-arbitration-law/>

**Ontario Nurses' Association launching constitutional challenge over lack of right to strike**

The Canadian Press, May 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-nurses-association-constitutional-challenge-9.7195569>,

[https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/ontario-nurses-launch-constitutional-challenge-over-lack-of-right-to-strike/article\\_0c8dc291-c8e6-5276-ad50-9bfb9d4f7362.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/ontario-nurses-launch-constitutional-challenge-over-lack-of-right-to-strike/article_0c8dc291-c8e6-5276-ad50-9bfb9d4f7362.html),

<https://www.cp24.com/local/toronto/2026/05/11/ontario-nurses-launch-constitutional-challenge-over-lack-of-right-to-strike/>,

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11844079/ontario-nurses-constitutional-challenge-lack-of-right-to-strike/>,

[https://www.therecord.com/news/ontario/ontario-nurses-launch-constitutional-challenge-over-lack-of-right-to-strike/article\\_adbf95e0-25b7-585a-a3e1-5fe1a139cead.html](https://www.therecord.com/news/ontario/ontario-nurses-launch-constitutional-challenge-over-lack-of-right-to-strike/article_adbf95e0-25b7-585a-a3e1-5fe1a139cead.html)

**The Ontario Nurses' Association is launching a constitutional challenge**

CP24, Talk Radio AM640, CityTV, CBC Radio, 680 News, CTV, MCTV, Zoomer Radio, AM 800, Rock 107, CKDR FM; May 11, 2026

*Note: The Ontario Nurses Association is launching a constitutional challenge of the law that prevents them from taking job action up to striking something nurses and other provinces can do. Nurses say the Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitration Act is among the most restrictive of its kind in Canada, preventing not just full strikes, but also other forms of job action.*

**Nurses are fighting the province for their right to strike**

Moose FM, CHPB, AM980, New 105.5 FM, Your Hometown Sound, CBC Radio, CKTG FM, CKVR TV; May 12, 2026

Note: *The Ontario Nurses Association is launching a constitutional challenge against a law that bans nurses and many health-care workers from striking in hospitals and long-term care homes.*

**Nursing coverage:**

**What's good in St. Thomas and Elgin? Nursing Week: honouring the critical role nurses play in healthcare**

94.1 myFM News, May 10, 2026

<https://www.stthomastoday.ca/2026/05/10/whats-good-in-st-thomas-and-elgin-34/>

**Inside this Toronto NICU, Mother's Day means the world to the parents of these very tiny babies**

The Toronto Star, May 10, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/inside-this-toronto-nicu-mothers-day-means-the-world-to-these-very-tiny-babies/article\\_d0b50f09-af39-4b97-8eda-3ac9b0e6e605.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/inside-this-toronto-nicu-mothers-day-means-the-world-to-these-very-tiny-babies/article_d0b50f09-af39-4b97-8eda-3ac9b0e6e605.html)

**Four-day strike vote begins in B.C. nurses' labour dispute with province**

The Toronto Star, May 8, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/british-columbia/four-day-strike-vote-begins-in-bc-nurses-labour-dispute-with-province/article\\_f7ff31f6-e0c2-55e7-b09b-7205c57cf441.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/british-columbia/four-day-strike-vote-begins-in-bc-nurses-labour-dispute-with-province/article_f7ff31f6-e0c2-55e7-b09b-7205c57cf441.html)

**Opinion | Without healthy nurses, there is no health-care system**

The Toronto Star, May 12, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/without-healthy-nurses-there-is-no-healthcare-system/article\\_c9bd3086-420b-4f13-9a54-2b2ad0378d94.html](https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/without-healthy-nurses-there-is-no-healthcare-system/article_c9bd3086-420b-4f13-9a54-2b2ad0378d94.html)

**Ontario tribunal denies nursing clerk's COVID-19 vaccine injury claim, orders psychological review**

HR Law Canada, May 11, 2026

<https://hrlawcanada.com/2026/05/ontario-tribunal-denies-nursing-clerks-covid-19-vaccine-injury-claim-orders-psychological-review/>

**Hospital 'funding crisis' impacting patient care at LHSC, other health centres: report**

CBC News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/hospital-funding-crisis-impacting-patient-care-at-lhsc-other-health-centres-report-9.7197347>

### **B.C. Nurses' Union members could be headed for job action**

CBC News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7197540>

### **NorQuest practical nursing students getting hands-on mental health training**

CTV News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/edmonton/article/norquest-nurse-practitioner-students-getting-hands-on-mental-health-training/>

### **New nurses study outlines ongoing concerns with staffing shortage, workload and mental health in Ontario**

YourKenora.ca, May 14, 2026

<https://yourkenora.ca/new-nurses-study-outlines-ongoing-concerns-with-staffing-shortage-workload-and-mental-health-in-ontario/>

### **Orillia's 'angel' nurse wins 2026 Nightingale award**

CTV News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/barrie/article/orillias-angel-nurse-wins-2026-nightingale-award/>

### **Local nurses honoured by HDGH Nursing Excellence Awards**

CTV News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/windsor/article/local-nurses-honoured-by-hdgh-nursing-excellence-awards/>

### **Saskatoon overdose crisis has nurses calling for better knee pads**

CTV News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/saskatoon/article/saskatoon-overdose-crisis-has-nurses-calling-for-better-knee-pads/>

### **Experts call for evenly applied forensic nursing services across B.C.**

Toronto Star, May 15, 2026

[Experts call for evenly applied forensic nursing services across B.C.](#)

***Industry coverage:***

**Ontario allowing pharmacists to treat more conditions, administer more vaccines**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 11, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/politics/ontario-allowing-pharmacists-to-treat-more-conditions-administer-more-vaccines/article\\_e4765619-87d0-5bce-81e8-7bd4ea1d8419.html#tncms-source=hamilton-region](https://www.thespec.com/politics/ontario-allowing-pharmacists-to-treat-more-conditions-administer-more-vaccines/article_e4765619-87d0-5bce-81e8-7bd4ea1d8419.html#tncms-source=hamilton-region)

**Legal saga drags on for Canadian families seeking compensation in Motherisk lab scandal**

The Globe and Mail, May 11, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-legal-saga-drags-on-for-canadian-families-seeking-compensation-in/>

**'It haunts my dreams': Heather Winterstein's mother reflects on marathon inquest into Ontario ER death**

CBC News, May 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/heather-winterstein-coroner-s-inquest-st-catharines-9.7193146>

**Giving birth in a hotel room? For some Indigenous women, gaps in care mean few options**

CBC Radio, May 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/unreserved/giving-birth-in-a-hotel-room-for-some-indigenous-women-gaps-in-care-mean-few-options-9.7192322>

**A Toronto man could become the 1st Canadian cured of HIV thanks to rare bone marrow treatment**

CBC Radio, May 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/toronto-man-hiv-cured-bone-marrow-transplant-treatment-9.7191692>

**Hantavirus risk 'very low' in Windsor-Essex, health unit says; no alarm bells at hospital**

CBC News, May 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-essex-wechu-hanta-virus-low-risk-9.7193401>

### **Ontario, Manitoba step up to support Kenora, Ont., hospital following building flood**

CBC News, May 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/kenora-hospital-flood-update-9.7193278>

### **Do a tick check every time you spend time outside, Guelph and area health unit says**

CBC News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/wellington-dufferin-guelph-public-health-tick-checks-regularly-report-any-season-9.7195505>

### **Hantavirus testing might not be useful for people without symptoms: experts**

CityNews, May 12, 2026

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2026/05/12/hantavirus-testing-might-not-be-useful-for-people-without-symptoms-experts/>

### **Third Ontarian being monitored for hantavirus isolating in Peel: health minister**

CBC News, May 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/third-person-isolating-hantavirus-peel-ontario-9.7194956>

### **Inquest scheduled into 2021 death of man at Kenora, Ont., hospital, transferred from jail**

CBC News, May 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/percy-adam-henry-inquest-scheduled-9.7195586>

### **‘We’re struggling’: Caregivers are feeling the financial squeeze, report says**

Global News, May 11, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11843878/caregivers-financial-strain/>

## **Ontario monitoring 7 additional people considered 'low-risk' hantavirus contacts**

The Canadian Press, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-hantavirus-monitoring-9.7197521>

## **AI transcriber for use by Ontario doctors 'hallucinated,' generated errors, auditor finds**

CBC News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ai-scribe-system-hallucinations-9.7197049>

## **A disabled man living in a group home died malnourished in hospital. His family wants answers**

CBC News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/death-group-home-disability-malnutrition-9.7193377>

## **Why hantavirus is giving us a 'sinking feeling,' despite experts' reassurance**

CBC News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/hantavirus-pandemic-fears-9.7195958>

## **PCOS, which affects tens of millions of women, is now known as PMOS. Here's why the renaming is important**

CBC News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/pcos-pmos-new-name-women-health-hormone-syndrome-9.7197304>

## **The cruise ship hantavirus outbreak offered a real-life simulation exercise. Did we pass?**

CBC News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/health/cruise-ship-outbreak-lessons-9.7195639>

## **Trans rights group says some U.S. students denied care at McGill clinic due to Trump executive order**

CBC News, May 12, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/mcgill-clinic-trans-rights-9.7194954>

## **Scientists are warning Canadians to get ready for a U.S. tick invasion this year**

CBC News, May 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/ticks-meat-allergy-lone-star-9.7193134>

## **26 'low-risk' Canadian air passengers may have hantavirus exposure**

Global News, May 14, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11849367/hantavirus-exposure-canadas-top-doctor/>

## **Kenora, Ont., says it's talking to Canadian Armed Forces after flood at city's only hospital**

CBC News, May 14, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/kenora-hospital-flood-canadian-armed-forces-support-9.7198776>

## **Opinion: Canada's not ready for the next viral outbreak. We didn't even bother with an inquiry on the last one**

The Globe and Mail, May 14, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-canada-not-ready-viral-outbreak-covid-19-inquiry/>

## **Cancer at 37: Younger adults say the system isn't built for them**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 14, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/cancer-oncology-health/article\\_3c6339bf-3e5d-524c-bb8a-e8b69431ea41.html](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/cancer-oncology-health/article_3c6339bf-3e5d-524c-bb8a-e8b69431ea41.html)

## **Hamilton Health Sciences balances budget for first time in years — but at what cost?**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 14, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/hospital-funding-deficits-healthcare/article\\_eba33216-a79f-5bcc-8186-8821c3973a1a.html](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/hospital-funding-deficits-healthcare/article_eba33216-a79f-5bcc-8186-8821c3973a1a.html)

## **New Ebola outbreak confirmed in remote Congo province, with 65 deaths recorded**

CBC News, May 15, 2026

[New Ebola outbreak confirmed in remote Congo province, with 65 deaths recorded | CBC News](#)

## **Consumption site closures spark fear, anger amongst some Ontarians**

The Canadian Press, May 15, 2026

[Consumption site closures spark fear, anger amongst some Ontarians | CBC News](#)

## **London Cares sees jump in toxic drug deaths, fears loss of drug consumption site**

CBC News, May 15, 2026

[London Cares sees jump in toxic drug deaths, fears loss of drug consumption site | CBC News](#)

## **Military reprimanded soldiers who raised concerns about monitoring Canadians online during COVID-19**

CBC News, May 15, 2026

[Military reprimanded soldiers who raised concerns about monitoring Canadians online during COVID-19 | CBC News](#)

## **Dynacare opens new medical testing centre in Sudbury, Ont.**

CBC News, May 14, 2026

[Dynacare opens new medical testing centre in Sudbury, Ont. | CBC News](#)

## **Mental health worker charged as police say ‘restraint techniques’ used on child at Welland school amounted to assault**

CP24, May 14, 2026

[Mental health worker in Niagara Region charged with assault](#)

### ***Labour coverage:***

## **‘Numerous failure controls’ and ‘non-compliance’ — what the audit of Conestoga College found that prompted the province to take it over**

The Toronto Star, May 11, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/numerous-failure-controls-and-non-compliance--what-the-audit-of-conestoga-college-found-that-prompted-the-province-to-take-it-over/article\\_cfc7b01-f18b-41ac-a0bd-6340bb56cbbd.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/numerous-failure-controls-and-non-compliance--what-the-audit-of-conestoga-college-found-that-prompted-the-province-to-take-it-over/article_cfc7b01-f18b-41ac-a0bd-6340bb56cbbd.html)

## **‘Life-changing’ injured worker support service in Hamilton at risk after losing funding**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 11, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/wsib-cuts-hdiwg-funding/article\\_2ad4ecd3-70d5-5248-ae23-799f23f5c535.html](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/wsib-cuts-hdiwg-funding/article_2ad4ecd3-70d5-5248-ae23-799f23f5c535.html)

### **Young people are facing another tough summer labour market. Here's how to land a job**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 11, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/business/young-people-are-facing-another-tough-summer-labour-market-heres-how-to-land-a-job/article\\_ccb11144-3e26-5434-98d8-9faad7e74e1a.html](https://www.thespec.com/business/young-people-are-facing-another-tough-summer-labour-market-heres-how-to-land-a-job/article_ccb11144-3e26-5434-98d8-9faad7e74e1a.html)

### **Union wants federal scrutiny of \$55B US Electronic Arts sale over national security risks**

The Canadian Press, May 8, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/ea-sale-communication-workers-america-canada-scrutiny-9.7193709>

### **TDSB to cut more than 200 administrative staff, board says**

CBC News, May 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/toronto-district-school-board-cuts-central-administration-staff-9.7196078>

### **Unifor to begin bargaining with Ford in June as it seeks model for new collective agreements**

CBC News, May 11, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/unifor-to-begin-bargaining-with-ford-in-june-as-it-seeks-model-for-new-collective-agreements-9.7195961>

### **Ministry of Labour investigating after two-vehicle crash at Etobicoke construction site sends two to hospital**

The Toronto Star, May 12, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/ministry-of-labour-investigating-after-two-vehicle-crash-at-etobicoke-construction-site-sends-two-to-hospital/article\\_ed54209-dd13-4a00-97c9-b0e07a4448c2.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/ministry-of-labour-investigating-after-two-vehicle-crash-at-etobicoke-construction-site-sends-two-to-hospital/article_ed54209-dd13-4a00-97c9-b0e07a4448c2.html)

### **Algoma Steel union filing grievance with company over reassigned welfare rooms**

CBC News, May 14, 2026

[Algoma Steel union filing grievance with company over reassigned welfare rooms | CBC News](#)

## **TTC days away from possible lockout as concerns grow over service disruptions during World Cup**

CP24, May 14, 2026

[TTC lockout possible as concerns grow over World Cup transit disruptions](#)

## **Why a union drive at Toronto city hall has turned nasty — and why the election might end up deciding its fate**

Toronto Star, May 15, 2026

[Toronto city hall union drive turns nasty as hearings loom](#)

### ***Human Rights & Equity coverage:***

## **Brockville residents shocked and distressed by killing of mother, 2 daughters**

CBC News, May 9, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/brockville-residents-shocked-and-distressed-by-killing-of-mother-2-daughters-9.7193522>

## **Proposed \$66-million settlement reached in class action over B.C.'s use of 'birth alerts'**

The Globe and Mail, May 13, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-proposed-settlement-class-action-bc-birth-alerts-indigenous-women/>

## **Quebec pledges action after a series of femicides shakes province**

The Globe and Mail, May 13, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-quebec-pledges-action-after-a-series-of-femicides-shakes-province/>

### ***Political coverage:***

## **Doug Ford touts achievements in new social media video amid plunging poll numbers**

The Toronto Star, May 11, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/doug-ford-releases-five-minute-video-to-tout-his-governments-achievements/article\\_5ff3e585-3ae7-4e56-a735-0626b3f84f9e.html](https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/doug-ford-releases-five-minute-video-to-tout-his-governments-achievements/article_5ff3e585-3ae7-4e56-a735-0626b3f84f9e.html)

### **MPs amend bill criminalizing sexual deepfakes to include ‘nearly nude’ images**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 11, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/news/canada/mps-amend-bill-criminalizing-sexual-deepfakes-to-include-nearly-nude-images/article\\_f03d1761-4de0-5ade-b8ab-fc4e49168b43.html#tncms-source=hot-stories](https://www.thespec.com/news/canada/mps-amend-bill-criminalizing-sexual-deepfakes-to-include-nearly-nude-images/article_f03d1761-4de0-5ade-b8ab-fc4e49168b43.html#tncms-source=hot-stories)

### **Doug Ford cited abuse of OSAP as one reason for its overhaul. Here’s what new data actually shows**

The Toronto Star, May 12, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/doug-ford-cited-abuse-of-osap-as-one-reason-for-its-overhaul-heres-what-new-data-actually-shows/article\\_626b3e29-7058-4821-9ef9-43b527c5d6fe.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/doug-ford-cited-abuse-of-osap-as-one-reason-for-its-overhaul-heres-what-new-data-actually-shows/article_626b3e29-7058-4821-9ef9-43b527c5d6fe.html)

### **Stratford launches legal challenge to Ontario's strong mayor powers, councillor calls it 'undemocratic'**

CBC News, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/stratford-legal-challenge-strong-mayor-legislation-9.7197036>

### **Mayor Andrea Horwath proposes youth wellness hub in the wake of fatal shootings**

The Hamilton Spectator, May 13, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/horwath-youth-wellness-hub-shootings/article\\_357969ab-6c74-5da5-ae46-df2fc6de2a2f.html](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/horwath-youth-wellness-hub-shootings/article_357969ab-6c74-5da5-ae46-df2fc6de2a2f.html)

### **Premier’s office files saved in Google Docs excluded from Ontario transparency requests**

Global News, May 13, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11846111/ontario-google-docs-foi-changes/>

## **5 years after promising to restrict vaping flavours, it's unclear whether Canada will**

CBC News, May 10, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/vaping-flavour-ban-federal-government-marjorie-michel-may-2026-9.7190735>

## **Ontario to inspect all career colleges offering truck driving within 6 weeks, following scathing audit**

The Canadian Press, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-inspecting-truck-driver-colleges-auditor-general-report-9.7198579>

## **Ontario has released documents on \$28.9M private jet. Here's what they show**

The Canadian Press, May 13, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-ford-private-jet-cost-9.7198743>

## **Ontario's more restrictive transparency law nixes request for health minister records**

The Canadian Press, May 14, 2026

[Ontario's more restrictive FOI law nixes request for health minister records](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-ford-private-jet-cost-9.7198743)

## **Why the Liberal nomination controversy could be an 'unhelpful distraction' for a party looking to rebuild**

CBC News, May 15, 2026

[Why the Liberal nomination controversy could be an 'unhelpful distraction' for a party looking to rebuild | CBC News](https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/why-the-liberal-nomination-controversy-could-be-an-unhelpful-distraction-for-a-party-looking-to-rebuild-1.7201234)

## Media Releases

### **Ontario Nurses and Health-Care Workers Announce Constitutional Fight to Restore their Right to Meaningful Collective Bargaining and Job Action**

**TORONTO, ON, May 11, 2026** — Ontario’s nurses and health-care professionals – members of the Ontario Nurses’ Association (ONA) – have announced an historic constitutional challenge that aims to strike down a decades-old law that strips them of fundamental rights to meaningful collective bargaining and guts their bargaining power.

ONA’s legal action targets the Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitration Act (HLDA), a 1965 statute that is among the most restrictive labour relations regimes in the world. Enacted before the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms existed, it applies a blanket ban on any form of job action for all nurses and health-care professionals working in hospitals and long-term care homes. This amounts to more than 90 per cent of health-care workers in Ontario.

“For decades, this law has stripped nearly all health-care workers in Ontario of fundamental constitutional rights” said ONA Provincial President Erin Ariss, RN. “HLDA has created a bargaining system where employers can easily sidestep meaningful collective bargaining. It is a process that denies freely negotiated agreements and improvements to the poor working conditions of our members, who deliver valuable care to patients across Ontario. When this happens, the public-health care system falls further behind.

HLDA forces collective bargaining disputes into binding arbitration, which removes the leverage workers rely on to secure fair agreements and systemic changes. Under this regime, employers can routinely avoid negotiated agreements, relying on arbitrators to impose contracts. The Ontario Hospital Association has failed to meaningfully bargain with a solution-focused approach to enter a freely negotiated settlement with hospital nurses in more than 15 years. Instead, binding arbitration has been the relied-upon method of choice sought by these employers, shutting down open communication and a collaborative interest-based approach to collective bargaining.

“The tipping point came last year when an arbitrator imposed a new hospital contract that completely ignored the top demand of more than 60,000 nurses – to implement mandatory minimum nurse-to-patient ratios,” Ariss says. “Ontario nurses are beyond angry that our constitutional right to take any kind of job action to improve working conditions and patient care is restricted. That’s why we are fighting to restore our rights and strike down HLDA.”

Nurses and health-care professionals in most of Canada – and in many countries around the world – have the right to take some job action including a limited right to strike while maintaining essential patient care. Arbitrator decisions in Ontario have largely reinforced the status quo and have consistently failed to address systemic issues like understaffing.

“The status quo is broken, benefitting the Ford government and employers who are more concerned with profits than safe and accessible public health care. As we face unprecedented challenges, nurses and health-care professionals are fighting to restore our rights so we can use our collective bargaining power to fight for better public health care for everyone.”

ONA is the union representing more than 68,000 nurses and health-care professionals, along with 18,000 nursing student affiliates, who provide care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, public health, community settings, clinics, and industry.