

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

May 25 to 29, 2026

Nursing coverage:

Convicted con artist who stole nurse's identity back in jail for alleged breach of sentence

CTV News, May 22, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/barrie/article/convicted-con-artist-who-stole-nurses-identity-back-in-jail-for-alleged-breach-of-sentence/>

Province gives \$1.6M to help more Chatham-Kent residents access primary care

The Chatham Daily News, May 22, 2026

<https://www.chathamdailynews.ca/news/local-news/province-gives-1-6m-to-help-more-ck-residents-access-primary-care>

Industry coverage:

Thunder Bay, Ont., facility to repurpose 64 beds to meet long-term care demands

CBC News, May 25, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/st-josephs-care-group-ltc-beds-9.7209101>

New Virgil, Ont., long-term care facility means this woman — and others — can be close to loved ones

CBC News, May 25, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/long-term-care-shortage-of-beds-niagara-on-the-lake-9.7208962>

Ontario doctor cautioned over MAID complaints can continue practice under supervision, regulator rules

The Globe and Mail, May 25, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-ontario-doctor-maid-complaints-supervision-regulator/>

Health Canada urged to inspect three Grifols sites in Ontario amid safety concerns

The Globe and Mail, May 25, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-health-canada-urged-to-inspect-three-grifols-sites-in-ontario/>

WHO chief says fast-moving Ebola epidemic is outpacing response efforts

Reuters, May 25, 2026

<https://www.reuters.com/business/healthcare-pharmaceuticals/who-chief-tedros-says-there-have-been-220-suspected-deaths-ebola-outbreak-2026-05-25/>

Canada adds Ebola screening at airports as Ontario test comes back negative

Global News, May 22, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11860472/canada-ebola-hantavirus-update-may-22/>

Labour coverage:

Tim Hortons to dial back use of Temporary Foreign Worker program, aims to hire 10,000 locally

The Globe and Mail, May 25, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/business/article-tim-hortons-dials-back-use-of-temporary-foreign-worker-program/>

Construction union boss quits amid probe over \$4-million home

The Globe and Mail, May 25, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-construction-union-boss-quits-amid-probe-over-4-million-home/>

Unions warn Carney government is considering sweeping changes to labour law — including the right to strike

CBC News, May 23, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-labour-code-consultations-right-to-strike-9.7209196>

Human Rights & Equity coverage:

Fast-tracked transmission line in Ontario seen as a chance for 'economic reconciliation' with First Nations

CBC News, May 24, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/barrie-sudbury-transmission-line-first-nations-9.7210422>

Canadian flotilla activist detained by Israel says he was beaten, stabbed

CBC News, May 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7209837>

Political coverage:

Ontario court dismisses appeal to block release of Doug Ford's phone records

Global News, May 25, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11861069/ontario-doug-ford-cellphone-appeal-lost/>

Caroline Mulroney resigning from Ford government's cabinet, Ontario legislature

The Canadian Press, May 25, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/caroline-mulroney-stepping-down-9.7210868>

Ford government wants to stop FOI disclosure of blue licence plate documents, taking fight to court

The Canadian Press, May 25, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ford-government-foi-disclosure-court-fight-9.7210887>

Doug Ford announces official groundbreaking of new Ontario Science Centre

The Toronto Star, May 25, 2026

https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/doug-ford-say-government-proud-to-get-shovels-in-the-ground-for-new-ontario-science-centre/article_bab4dc98-4b32-49a3-ab7a-ffe9af9ae01.html

Erskine-Smith nomination appeal dismissed by Ontario Liberal Party panel

CBC News, May 24, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/erskine-smith-nomination-appeal-dismissed-9.7210754>

'Most ridiculous ruling': Premier slams judge's decision barring region from clearing Kitchener encampment

CBC News, May 22, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/premier-doug-ford-comment-kitchener-encampment-ruling-9.7208836>

Media Releases

Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre Nurses Demand Fair Wages to Protect Primary Care

TORONTO, ON, May 25, 2026 – More than 30 registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs), members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA), at Parkdale Queen West Community Health Centre (PQWCHC) are calling on their employer to close the wage gap and offer fair wages as they head to conciliation seeking a new collective agreement. After years of wage freezes or minimal wage increases, the group of highly-skilled nurses are struggling to make ends meet, forcing them to look for jobs in other health-care sectors.

“Most community health centres struggle to recruit and retain staff because they pay less than other sectors like hospitals,” explains ONA Provincial President, Erin Ariss, RN.

“Employers cannot expect nurses to keep doing more with less. They play a valuable role in keeping our communities healthy and should be paid fairly for the care they provide, or they will be forced to leave.”

Community health centres offer holistic care to clients with varying socioeconomic backgrounds. At PQWCHC, nurses care for more than 10,000 clients in southwest Toronto, and run programs such as vaccination clinics, health promotion, wellness programming, counselling, mental health support and harm reduction education. Without their expertise, many equity-deserving clients who face barriers to accessing health care can slip through the cracks, resulting in worse health outcomes. NPs can also diagnose, treat, prescribe medications, order tests and provide referrals which often helps decrease pressure on surrounding hospitals.

Ariss notes, “More than 2 million Ontarians are without a primary care provider. This crisis is the direct result of years of underfunding and poor wages. If the provincial government wants to connect everyone to primary care by 2029, they need to hold employers accountable and ensure public funding is used for fair wages now. Otherwise, Ontarians won't get the care they need and deserve.”

A second day of conciliation between nurses and their employer is scheduled for May 25. Nurses are determined to secure a new negotiated deal with fair wages so that PQWCHC can recruit and retain more staff, improve workloads and ensure high-quality, timely care for clients.

ONA is the union representing 68,000 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.

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