

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

**June 1 to 5, 2026**

***Industry coverage:***

**Ebola cases in Congo reach 282 as Brazil investigates 2 suspected cases**

Global News, June 1, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11876142/ebola-cases-congo-reach-282-brazil-investigates-suspected-cases/>

**New cancer injection eliminated tumours in some patients, trial finds**

CTV News, June 1, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/article/new-cancer-injection-eliminated-tumours-in-some-patients-trial-finds/>

**Health advocates urge Ottawa to crack down on youth nicotine use**

The Canadian Press, May 31, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-advocates-call-on-ottawa-to-limit-nicotine-use-among-youth-demand/>

**Study suggests more Canadian kindergartners are experiencing developmental vulnerabilities after COVID-19**

CTV News, May 30, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/toronto/article/study-suggests-more-canadian-kindergartners-are-experiencing-developmental-vulnerabilities-after-covid-19/>

**Kitchener teen wins innovation award at Canada-Wide Science Fair, fixes 35-year-old problem**

CBC News, May 30, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/gurnoor-kaur-canada-wide-science-fair-project-innovation-award-wow-9.7217194>

***Labour coverage:***

**Employment insurance helping fewer Canadians as workforce shifts to gig work, part-time jobs, new report finds**

The Canadian Press, June 1, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/food-banks-canada-ei-report-9.7218767>

## **Canada Post workers set to wrap up voting on new tentative deal**

The Canadian Press, May 30, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11875034/canada-post-ratification-vote/>

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

## **Analysis: Ontario politics just had a shakeup. Here's an insider view of what it could mean for the Ford government**

CBC News, June 1, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/mulroney-resignation-bains-arrival-ontario-politics-9.7217193>

## **5 years on, Ontario says long-term viability of federal daycare program at risk**

CBC News, June 1, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-federal-daycare-program-9.7215794>

## **Poilievre calls for emergency debate as Canada enters technical recession**

Global News, May 31, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11875527/technical-recession-poilievre-emergency-debate/>

### ***Nursing coverage:***

## **He Complained About His Mother's Care. The Home Restricted Him From Seeing Her**

The Local, June 2, 2026

<https://thelocal.to/ontario-long-term-care-home-restrictions-bans-trespases-seniors-rights/>

## **Overdue for a checkup? Toronto Public Library, UHN team up for unexpected mobile clinic partnership**

The Toronto Star, June 2, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/overdue-for-a-checkup-toronto-public-library-uhn-team-up-for-unexpected-mobile-clinic-partnership/article\\_b20cf9aa-6a11-4372-8263-09bbdc1abea7.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/overdue-for-a-checkup-toronto-public-library-uhn-team-up-for-unexpected-mobile-clinic-partnership/article_b20cf9aa-6a11-4372-8263-09bbdc1abea7.html)

## **Health worker at ICE facility failed to treat detained Canadian's symptoms before he died, complaint says**

The Globe and Mail, June 2, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-johnny-noviello-canadian-ice-detainee-death-symptoms-illness-prison/>

### ***Industry coverage:***

## **This \$3,000 program drastically cuts colon cancer recurrence. Here's why Canadian doctors say it should be prescribed and funded like a drug**

The Toronto Star, June 2, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/this-3000-program-drastically-cuts-colon-cancer-recurrence-heres-why-canadian-doctors-say-it-should-be-prescribed-and-funded-like-a-drug/article\\_5fdd3c9d-6f8d-49a8-9e3b-c9e0c80c8646.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/this-3000-program-drastically-cuts-colon-cancer-recurrence-heres-why-canadian-doctors-say-it-should-be-prescribed-and-funded-like-a-drug/article_5fdd3c9d-6f8d-49a8-9e3b-c9e0c80c8646.html)

## **Manitoba MAID law 'punishing' 94-year-old woman, pro-choice group says**

CBC News, June 1, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/maid-law-94-year-old-pro-choice-group-9.7217602>

## **Dementia care services to move from Quinte Health to Providence Care**

Kingston Daily, June 1, 2026

<https://www.kingstondaily.ca/news/the-kingston-top-3/dementia-care-services-to-move-from-quinte-health-to-providence-care/>

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

## **Ontario needs more wildfire crews, says union**

CBC News, June 2, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury/ontario-wildfire-crews-needed-9.7219609>

## **London, Ont. Children's Aid workers worry layoffs could hurt youth and families**

CBC News, June 2, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-ont-children-s-aid-workers-worry-layoffs-could-hurt-youth-and-families-9.7219646>

## **Minimum wage on men's AHL team Hamilton Hammers \$27K more than new women's pro hockey team**

CBC News, June 1, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/pwhl-ahl-compensation-9.7219069>

## **Canada Post workers accept new contract with 85 per cent in favour**

The Canadian Press, June 1, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11876519/canada-post-workers-accept-new-contract/>

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

## **Women in farming more vulnerable to mental-health struggles and stress, Guelph study finds**

CBC News, June 2, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kitchener-waterloo/women-in-farming-vulnerable-to-more-mental-health-struggles-9.7216862>

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

## **How Doug Ford's strong-mayor powers have been used to hire and fire staff: 'A gross abuse of power'**

The Toronto Star, June 2, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/how-doug-fords-strong-mayor-powers-have-been-used-to-hire-and-fire-staff-a-gross-abuse-of-power/article\\_fc94a2bc-95e5-4a5f-81e2-73db66978079.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/ontario/how-doug-fords-strong-mayor-powers-have-been-used-to-hire-and-fire-staff-a-gross-abuse-of-power/article_fc94a2bc-95e5-4a5f-81e2-73db66978079.html)

## **Ford removes caucus chair after pension, private jet row**

Global News, June 2, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11876995/ontario-progressive-conservative-caucus-chair-replaced/>

### ***Nursing coverage:***

## **Owen Sound Family Health Team Strike Enters Second Week Over Wages and Funding**

The Owen Sound Current, June 3, 2026

<https://www.owensoundcurrent.com/p/owen-sound-family-health-team-strike>

## **New nursing grads enter workforce as Sask. faces shortages**

CTV News, June 2, 2026

<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/regina/video/2026/06/03/new-nursing-grads-enter-workforce-as-sask-faces-shortages/>

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**Pancreatic cancer pill that doubled survival may get Canada clinical trial**

The Canadian Press, June 3, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11888568/pancreatic-cancer-pill-that-doubled-survival-may-get-canadian-clinical-trial/>

**Richards Landing emergency department to close for 24 hours**

ElliotLakeToday, June 3, 2026

<https://www.elliottaketoday.com/local-news/richards-landing-emergency-department-closing-for-three-days-12368678>

**Rabid bat found in Haldimand; multiple residents in hospital**

The Hamilton Spectator, June 3, 2026

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**Health Canada examining concerns of family of student who died after plasma donation, minister says**

The Globe and Mail, June 2, 2026

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-health-canada-student-death-plasma-donation-family-concerns-minister/>

**Health officials concerned about potential for illness to spread during FIFA**

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**Some surgeries for Kenora, Ont., patients moved to regional hospitals due to flood**

CBC News, June 2, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/kenora-hospital-flood-update-9.7220541>

***Labour coverage:***

**Almost 800 positions at the Toronto District School Board on chopping block**

The Toronto Star, June 3, 2026

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**Durham police claimed most recommended workplace reforms are done.  
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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/durham-police-inspector-of-policing-ocpc-report-9.7218995>

**Taxi drivers sued Quebec over life after Uber. Now they want to take the fight to Canada's top court**

CBC News, June 2, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/taxi-permit-owners-quebec-hope-to-go-to-supreme-court-9.7218509>

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**Crime severity drops in St. Thomas, Ont., but intimate partner violence continues to rise**

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<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/st-thomas-police-2025-crime-report-9.7220786>

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**Ontario legislature's 21-week break 'outrageous,' NDP's Stiles says**

CityNews, June 3, 2026

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/video/2026/06/03/ontario-legislatures-21-week-break-outrageous-ndps-stiles-says/>

**Ontario Legislature rising for 21-week summer break until end of October**

The Canadian Press, June 2, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ontario-legislature-rises-21-week-break-9.7220834>

**NDP proposes ban on MP floor crossings without facing voters in byelection**

Global News, June 2, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11886462/floor-crossing-ban-proposal-ndp-byelection/>

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#### ***Nursing coverage:***

### **Patient to nurse: A full-circle ICU story**

CTV News, June 3, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/northern-ontario/video/2026/06/03/patient-to-nurse-a-full-circle-icu-story/>

### **University of Windsor graduates Canada's first RN Prescribing cohort**

CTV News, June 3, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/windsor/article/university-of-windsor-graduates-canadas-first-rn-prescribing-cohort/>

#### ***Industry coverage:***

### **More dental patients, providers baffled by lack of consistency in national plan's coverage**

CBC News, June 4, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/national-plan-coverage-lack-of-consistency-9.7222032>

**Health Canada said this controversial pesticide is safe. Behind the scenes, the agency has ramped up its monitoring**

The Toronto Star, June 4, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/health-canada-said-this-controversial-pesticide-is-safe-behind-the-scenes-the-agency-has-ramped-up-its-monitoring/article\\_6dd0a066-3353-4766-b2c3-dc6f368f6b98.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/investigations/health-canada-said-this-controversial-pesticide-is-safe-behind-the-scenes-the-agency-has-ramped-up-its-monitoring/article_6dd0a066-3353-4766-b2c3-dc6f368f6b98.html)

### **This is how the federal government's Ebola-related travel and isolation restrictions are enforced in Windsor**

CBC News, June 3, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/video/9.7222713>

### **Bats in Haldimand-Norfolk, Hamilton test positive for rabies, public health says**

CBC News, June 3, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/rabies-bat-haldimand-norfolk-positive-9.7222004>

### **Infertility or endometriosis could be linked to early menopause risk: study**

Global News, June 3, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11888920/infertility-or-endometriosis-early-menopause-possible-link-study/>

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

### **Ontario will approach civil service return-to-office during FIFA with 'flexibility,' minister says**

CBC News, June 4, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/fifa-ontario-work-from-home-9.7222101>

### **What we know about Trump's forced labour claims against Canada**

The Canadian Press, June 4, 2026

<https://globalnews.ca/news/11890185/trump-forced-labour-claims-against-canada/>

### **Education unions serve notice to bargain, begin countdown for contract talks with province**

The Canadian Press, June 3, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/education-contract-talks-countdown-ontario-9.7222023>

## **Niagara Parks hopes for surge in domestic, international travel after strike averted**

CBC News, June 3, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/niagara-parks-ratify-agreement-9.7222224>

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

## **PM Carney government's AI strategy pledges thousands of jobs, lacks safety details**

CTV News, June 4, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/article/pm-carney-governments-ai-strategy-pledges-thousands-of-jobs-lacks-safety-details/>

## **MPP marks National Indigenous History Month at Queen's Park in Anishiniimowin**

CBC News, June 4, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/thunder-bay/national-indigenous-history-month-9.7221963>

### ***ONA coverage:***

## **Nurses who work in LTC homes are hitting the picket lines today**

CKDO AM, CJKX FM, CKGE FM; June 4, 2026

*Note: ONA says nurses from LTC homes deserve a better pay. The province-wide action involves more than 4,400 members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA). These demonstrations aim to pressure corporate employers and CEOs as they seek a respectful new collective agreement.*

## **Ontario Nurses Association members picket in Stratford**

MyStratfordNow, June 4, 2026

<https://www.mystratfordnow.com/152185/ontario-nurses-association-members-picket/>

### ***Industry coverage:***

## **Mumps outbreak declared at ServiceOntario downtown Toronto head office**

The Toronto Star, June 5, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/mumps-outbreak-declared-at-serviceontario-downtown-toronto-head-office/article\\_6c62c431-b319-457f-a3bc-9b2d09336ed2.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/mumps-outbreak-declared-at-serviceontario-downtown-toronto-head-office/article_6c62c431-b319-457f-a3bc-9b2d09336ed2.html)

## **Toronto emergency workers reunite with 2-year-old girl they saved from cardiac arrest: ‘Harper’s heart beats because of you’**

The Toronto Star, June 5, 2026

[https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/toronto-emergency-workers-reunite-with-2-year-old-girl-they-saved-from-cardiac-arrest-harpers-heart-beats-because-of-you/article\\_64fb9b68-76d1-4ddb-815e-c8bc77e73232.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/toronto-emergency-workers-reunite-with-2-year-old-girl-they-saved-from-cardiac-arrest-harpers-heart-beats-because-of-you/article_64fb9b68-76d1-4ddb-815e-c8bc77e73232.html)

## **Outbreak infects 84 at King Campus eye clinic — patient wants answers**

The Hamilton Spectator, June 4, 2026

[https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/pink-eye-king-campus-outbreak-conjunctivitis/article\\_1a46f644-4f80-5cbd-82a0-d476fefcb461.html](https://www.thespec.com/news/hamilton-region/pink-eye-king-campus-outbreak-conjunctivitis/article_1a46f644-4f80-5cbd-82a0-d476fefcb461.html)

## **Windsor doctor suspended for 8 months after disciplinary tribunal over medical records**

CBC News, June 4, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/windsor-doctor-suspended-newborn-patient-records-accessed-9.7223903>

## **Barrie’s hospital could cut staff to address \$7.8M deficit**

CTV News, June 3, 2026

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/barrie/article/barries-hospital-could-cut-staff-to-address-78m-deficit/>

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

## **Canadian economy adds 88,000 jobs in May, helping offset job losses so far this year**

CBC News, June 5, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/canada-jobs-may-2026-9.7224553>

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

## **Black advocates call out Carney government for excluding them from diversity council**

The Canadian Press, June 4, 2026

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/carney-anti-hate-advisory-council-9.7224194>

## Media Releases

### **Nursing Homes Workers Host Province-wide Pickets to Demand Respectful New Collective Agreement from Corporate Employers**

**TORONTO, ON, Thursday, June 4, 2026** – Nurses and health-care professionals at more than 47 nursing homes across the province are hosting information pickets to raise awareness about their demands for fair wages, benefits and safe working conditions in their new collective agreement. The new agreement will impact more than 4,400 Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) members, who provide round-the-clock, comprehensive and complex care to residents in for-profit long-term care homes.

“Our members have made it absolutely clear that they cannot continue to provide high-quality care without a respectful agreement that addresses their bargaining demands,” says Erin Ariss, registered nurse and ONA Provincial President. “For years, for-profit nursing homes employers have diverted funds away from residents and front-line workers to line the pockets of shareholders. This must end.”

Nurses working in long-term care are paid 10 per cent less than those who work in hospitals, despite providing similar levels of care. Some nurses and health-care professionals even work two jobs just to make a livable income. This wage discrepancy often results in workers leaving long-term care to work in other higher paying sectors. The staff who remain end up with unreasonable workloads and unsafe working conditions.

ONA members are demanding wage parity with hospitals and safer working conditions such as staffing ratios so that they can provide the high-quality care residents rely on.

“The money for fair wages and safer working conditions exists. Look no further than Extendicare, which reported a whopping \$96 million in profits last year, or Southbridge Care Homes which receives public funding and doesn't even report their profits to the public. Corporations have more than enough money to ensure that staff are paid fairly for the high-quality care they provide,” explains Ariss. “But it all comes down to priorities. Employers need to remember that without fair wages, benefits and safe working conditions they will not be able to retain staff. And without highly skilled nurses and health-care professionals, there is no care for residents.”

“These province-wide information pickets showcase the urgency our members feel to negotiate a good deal that serves their residents, coworkers and communities. Respect can't wait. Nursing homes CEOs must stop the greed and finally put care over profits.”

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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