

Ontario Health Coalition

EVENT

First Ministers Under Public Scrutiny

Concerned Citizens Cross-Ontario Plan Health Care "Watch" Events

The first ministers (premiers, territorial leaders, aboriginal leader & prime minister) will be meeting in Ottawa Monday September 13 to Wednesday September 15. For the first time, these meetings will be televised across the country. PM Paul Martin wants to use them to create a 10 year health plan. Issues at stake such as national pharmacare and homecare, national standards and strings for health care and stopping privatization will impact millions of people.

Citizens are organizing local "First Ministers Watch" events across the country. Local spokespeople will be available to receive calls (or pick up messages frequently and return calls) from local media. In addition, on Tuesday, September 14 from 12 - 4:30 pm or later, a "First Minister Watch" event in which a group of local health activists and friends get together to watch the negotiations on TV, to debate and discuss the negotiations, and to be available to comment to the media. This will be happening all across Canada at the same time.

The following is the Ontario list of First Minister Watch events.

Brampton — 12:30 — 4:30 pm, 20 Holgate Ct. (Sandalwood and Hwy 10), contact Brampton Health Coalition at 905-452-7470.

Brockville — 12 — 4:30 pm — location TBA. Contact Jim & Barb Reisberry at 613-345-3785

Burlington — 12 — 4:30 pm. 1367 Ontario Street. Contact David Goodings at 905-637-9239.

Cobourg — 12 - 4:30 pm with formal press conference at 3:30 pm, SEIU I.1 E.Ontario office, 450 Campbell St. N., Unit 6A. Contact: Linda MacKenzie Nicholas 416-809-2601.

Cornwall — 3 — 5pm, 320 York Street, Cornwall, contact Elaine MacDonald at 613-938-7763

Guelph — after 3 pm, contacts: Magee McGuire at 519-767-0084, Jim Scannell at 519-766-5948, Cathy Snell at 519-763-3055 or Linda Pellegrini at 519-822-5350 x2367.

Hamilton, St. Catharines & Grimsby — Four Points Sheraton, Schemon Pkwy, Thorold. Contact Sue at 905-932-1646 or Fran at 905-516-5690

Kingston — 12 — 4:30 pm, with formal press conference at 3 pm, 64 Oakridge Cr. (off Johnson St. east of Sir John A MacDonald), contact Gavin Anderson at 613-329-1551.

Kirkland Lake — 12 — 4:30 pm — 15 Dixon Ave., Bob O'Brian at 705-567-3420.

Lindsay — 12 — 4:30 pm — 53 Victoria St. N. Contact Ruth Martin at 705-324-9454 or James Mulhern at 705-340-8237.

London — 4 — 6 pm — CAW I.27, 606 1st Street. Contact: Jim Reid 519-317-4818.

Peterborough — 12 — 6 pm — Peterborough Lions Community Centre, 347 Burnham St. Contact Roy Brady prior to event at 705-745-2446, or on Tuesday afternoon at the centre at 705-540-2288.

Sarnia — 12 — 4:30 pm, 2506 Westfield Close in Bright's Grove, contact: Arlene Paterson at 519-869-6826.

Stratford — Location TBA. Contact: Charles Muma 519-272-9012.

Sudbury — 12:00 — 4:30 pm. Steelworker's Hall, 92 Froot Rd. Contact Robert Waples at 705-869-5831.

Thunder Bay — 12 pm — 4:30 pm, CAW I.229, 101 N. Syndicate Avenue., contact: Katha Fortier at 705-254-9228

Timmins — 12:30 — 4:30 pm. Contact: Ben Lefebvre at 705-232-4475.

Toronto — 12:00 — 4:30 pm. Metro-Central YMCA, Tippet Room, 20 Grosvenor St. Contact: Amani Oakley at 416-893-6652.

Windsor — 4:30 pm — CAW 195 Hall, corner of Pierre Ave. & Ottawa Sts. Contact: Mike Longmoore at 519-984-8081.

Events are organized by: Ontario Health Coalition, Canadian Health Coalition, local health coalitions, local labour councils, local Council of Canadians chapters, local social justice organizations, Ontario Federation of Labour and the Canadian Labour Congress.

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