

Ontario Health Coalition

Urgent

Join the Day of Protest Against the Ford Government Pushing Through Its Terrible New Home/Community Care Law While Failure to Act on the LTC Care/Staffing Crisis

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

IN TORONTO AT THE LEGISLATURE:

12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday June 24 ~ On the lawn at Queen's Park (outside the Ontario Legislature in Toronto) and across Ontario ~ We are asking everyone to keep 2-metres apart at all times and wear masks. For those who want to, you can join in your car by forming a car cavalcade that circles Queen's Park on the inside lane of Queen's Park Circle from noon until 12:30 p.m.~

EVENTS ACROSS ONTARIO at 12 o'clock (noon) on Wednesday June 24 unless noted: Please wear a mask and keep 2-metres apart at all times. All protests are outside. There will be some car cavalcades also, as listed.

<u>Chatham</u>	MPP Rick Nicholl's office, 111 Heritage Rd., Chatham (outside)
<u>Guelph</u>	Intersection of Wyndham and Annette outside the Quebec St. Mall (on the sidewalk)
<u>Kingston</u>	Teach in by Zoom (video/tele- conference) 7 pm to 8:15 pm. Register to attend with Harold Pickering at haroldapickering@hotmail.com
<u>Kitchener</u>	MPP Amy Fee's office, 4281 King St. E. (outside Tim Horton's)
<u>London/St. Thomas</u>	MPP Jeff Yurek's office in St. Thomas, 750 Talbot St.
<u>Niagara</u>	MPP Sam Oosterhoff's office in Beamsville, 4961 King St.
<u>Port Hope</u>	MPP David Piccini's office, 117 Peter St.
<u>Sarnia</u>	MPP Bob Bailey's office, 805 Christina St. N. Point Edward.
<u>Sudbury</u>	Site 1 - NE LHIN office, 40 Elm St. (Rainbow Centre) Sudbury Ontario on the sidewalk just east of the main doors to the Shopping Mall. Site #2 - the parking lot in front of the offices of Jamie West MPP Sudbury Riding - corner of Barrydowne Road and Gemmel St. Participants are invited to drive around in the parking lot with signs on their cars protesting Bill 175.
<u>Thunder Bay</u>	Mini Queen's Park on James St.
<u>Toronto</u>	Queen's Park outside the Main Legislative Building.
<u>Woodstock</u>	MPP Ernie Hardeman's office, 12 Perry St.

The Ford government is trying to push through new laws this week in the midst of a pandemic that would:

Dismantle public governance & oversight for home care

Privatize home & community care

Expand private hospitals

Bring private home care into public hospitals, &

Stifle lawsuits against private corporations (including private long-term care

At the same time, the Ford government refuses to fund and require long-term care homes to increase the levels of care. Staff are exhausted. Residents are suffering. Families are devastated.

Yet the Ford government is doing nothing to deal with the critical staffing shortages in long-term care that are now a full-blown emergency, after the homes have been devastated by COVID-19, risking care and safety for residents and staff alike.

- The Ford government is attempting to push through a [terrible new law](#) that would restructure & privatize home & community care (and hospital care) in the midst of a pandemic, when we and dozens of other public interest groups and even home care providers, have called for the law to be delayed or withdrawn.
- At the same time, the government has done nothing to deal with the full-blown [emergency of short staffing in long-term care homes](#) that have been devastated in the pandemic.
- This week they are also trying to push through a [new law limiting peoples' ability to launch class action suits](#) against private corporations and government to hold them liable for the deaths and harm that have occurred, including in long-term care.
- **We need [real action urgently](#) to improve wages, working conditions and to require a minimum of 4-hours of care per resident each day in long-term care homes to protect residents and staff from further harm.**
- **We [do not](#) need terrible laws that benefit private corporations against the public interest, railroaded through in a pandemic.**

The conditions of work are the conditions of care in health care.

We are asking patients, families, concerned citizens, health care workers, and professionals to join together in a day of protest to insist that the Ford government take action to improve care levels and staffing in long-term care now, and to stop the damaging home care law.

