

# Ontario Health Coalition

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## Urgent Join the Day of Protest WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

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.~ We are asking local coalitions and concerned citizens to organize similar protest with the same safety measures at local Conservative MPPs' offices or other locations in your community and invite the media to come out to cover them.

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The Ford government is trying to push through new laws next 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 corporations) & the government.

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we and dozens of other public interest groups and even home care providers, have called for the law to be delayed or withdrawn.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.