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*Please note that the official platform has not been released yet. Much of the platform will be congruent with the 2022 Budget.*

## NURSES

- Take immediate action to begin hiring 30,000 nurses.
- Expedite recognition of nursing credentials for 15,000 internationally trained nurses.
- Create new jobs for late-career and recently retired nurses to mentor and supervise.
- Eliminate Bill 124.
- Develop and implement a strategy to address violence against health care professionals.
- More funding for nurse practitioner led clinics to play an important role in the delivery of primary care.
- Support nurse practitioner partnerships with doctors and specialists to expand access to services and comprehensive care.
- Create a specific strategy to recruit and retain nurses in Northern Ontario including opportunities for mentorship to ensure that nurses who work or have worked in Northern communities can provide support and training for newly arrived nurses.

- To retain nurses across the health sector and stabilize the current nursing workforce, the government is investing \$764 million over two years to provide Ontario's nurses with a retention incentive of up to \$5,000 per person.
- Investing \$81 million, beginning in 2022–23, to expand the Community Commitment Program for Nurses for up to 1,500 nurse graduates each year to receive full tuition reimbursement in exchange for committing to practice for two years in an underserved community.
- Launch a new \$61 million Learn and Stay Grant to support of educational programmes such as nursing in spring 2023.
- Investing \$764 million over two years to provide Ontario's nurses with a lump sum retention incentive of up to \$5,000 per person.
- Investing \$124.2 million over three years starting in 2022–23 to modernize clinical education for nurses.
- Supporting up to 1,000 internationally educated nurses to become accredited nurses in Ontario through the Supervised Practice Experience Partnership program.
- \$171 million to support the public health sector including funding to enhance COVID-19 monitoring and case and contact management, the continuation of the Infection Prevention and Control Hubs, the extension of school-focused nurses and continued support of the High Priority Communities Strategy.

- Hire 100,000 new nurses, doctors, and other health care workers.
- Ensure access to a doctor or nurse practitioner within 24 hours.
- Increase admission in nursing programs by a minimum of 10% each year to add 2,000 additional nurses.
- Forgive all student loans for nurses, paramedics, and other health care workers on the front lines of COVID-19.
- Ensure access to a family doctor or nurse practitioner in remote communities.

## HOSPITALS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce targeted hospital funding to increase the number of Tier 5 treatment beds for people with complex needs.</li> <li>• Expand operating room hours over the evenings and weekends to increase hospital capacity to clear the backlog of surgeries and diagnostic procedures created by COVID-19.</li> <li>• Raise hospital funding to exceed health sector inflation, population growth, expanded operating plans, and unique local needs such as aging populations.</li> <li>• Prioritize badly needed hospital projects and expansions in Brampton, Niagara Falls, Windsor-Essex, and Kitchener.</li> <li>• Immediately begin work on new hospital projects in Brampton, Scarborough, and Sioux Lookout.</li> <li>• Protect maternal health and obstetrics services in rural hospitals and expand options for midwife-run birth centres.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spend more than \$40 billion over the next 10 years on hospital infrastructure.</li> <li>• Invest \$827 million, representing a 4% increase in hospital base funding.</li> <li>• Invest \$1.5 billion to support the continuation of over 3,000 acute and post-acute beds, and hundreds of new adult, pediatric, and neonatal critical care beds.</li> <li>• Transform the existing site and urgent care centre into a new 24/7 inpatient care hospital at Peel Memorial, in partnership with William Osler Health System.</li> <li>• Support the redevelopment of the existing hospital and regional trauma centre on a new site for the Ottawa Hospital – Civic Campus.</li> <li>• Support for a new state-of-the-art acute care hospital in Windsor and Essex County.</li> <li>• Funding for the redevelopment of acute care hospitals in Huntsville and Bracebridge.</li> <li>• Funding for the planning of the Grand River Hospital and St. Mary's General Hospital Joint Redevelopment Project to construct a new joint acute care facility and expand to existing facilities in the Kitchener-Waterloo region.</li> <li>• Funding to support the Trillium Health Partners – Broader Redevelopment project to build a new, state-of-the-art Mississauga Hospital and expand the Queensway Health Centre.</li> <li>• Continued support for the construction of a new, modern hospital facility on the existing Uxbridge site at the Oak Valley Health – Uxbridge Hospital</li> <li>• Support for the Stevenson Memorial Hospital redevelopment.</li> <li>• Construction of new diagnostic imaging, laboratory and emergency departments at the Wallaceburg Sydenham Hospital, part of the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance.</li> <li>• Expansion of the Scarborough Health Network – Birchmount site with a new inpatient tower and an expanded emergency department.</li> <li>• Deploying over 3,300 and hiring more than 1,700 additional health care students in hospitals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grow the number of hospital beds by 20%.</li> <li>• Invest in less invasive surgery approaches so people recover and leave hospitals more quickly.</li> <li>• Support the creation of not-for-profit surgery centres managed by local hospitals to sustainably maintain higher surgical volumes.</li> <li>• Turning Brampton's Peel Memorial into a full hospital and delivering a third new hospital and cancer centre in Brampton.</li> <li>• Delivering the new Mississauga Hospital and redeveloping the Queensway Health Centre.</li> <li>• Building new hospitals in Windsor, South Niagara, Markdale, Moosonee, Moose Factory Island, Innisfil, Whitby, and Ottawa.</li> <li>• Deliver fair and consistent pay for workers across home and community care, long-term care, and hospitals.</li> <li>• Redeveloping Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, SickKids, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Centre.</li> <li>• Redeveloping hospitals in Chatham-Kent, Waterloo Region, Guelph, Brantford, Paris, Kincardine, Collingwood, Muskoka, Alliston, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Grimsby, North York, Scarborough, Newmarket, Uxbridge, Bowmanville, Prince Edward County, Kingston and Kenora.</li> </ul>
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<b>HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish provincial standards for home and community care services by creating a basket of core services Ontarians are entitled to receive then hold service providers accountable to ensure they meet the provincially regulated criteria.</li> <li>Align home and community care services to communities needs by creating culturally appropriate resources and trainings for home and community care programs and by developing a provincial job-matching program to attract and match PSWs and other home and community care workers to communities where they have shared cultural and linguistic knowledge.</li> <li>Build a new public and non-profit home and community care system.</li> <li>Guarantee that First Nations Elders have access to home and community care that is personal and familiar, with staff and practices that reflect their distinct cultures and languages.</li> <li>Immediately begin work on an expansion of Ontario's Community Health Centres, adding 20 new or satellite centres in communities where they are needed most. Work with existing Centre leadership and health experts to identify communities with the highest needs with a focus on the needs of Indigenous, Francophone, and underserviced Northern communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest up to an additional \$1 billion over the next three years to expand home care and improve quality of care.</li> <li>Proposing a new, refundable Ontario Seniors Care at Home Tax Credit to help low-to moderate-income senior families with eligible home care medical expenses, including for attendant care, assistive breathing devices, and hearing and walking aids.</li> <li>Investing more than \$60 million over two years, starting in 2022–23, to continue expanding the Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care program which supports connections for participants and their families to home care and community supports.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund assisted living alternatives and “hub and spoke” community care.</li> <li>Increase the annual budget for home and community care by over \$2 billion through 10% annual increases that focus on front-line non-profit care, resulting in 400,000 more seniors able to get not-for-profit home care by 2026.</li> </ul>
<b>LONG-TERM CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make long-term care 2SLGBTQIA+ affirming so people can always live with Pride.</li> <li>Expand the number of long-term care homes run by and for Francophones.</li> <li>Begin building a new public and non-profit long-term care system and remove private for-profit operators from Ontario's long-term care system.</li> <li>Immediately being building 50,000 new and modern long-term care beds.</li> <li>Guarantee that First Nations Elders have access to long-term care that is personal and familiar, with staff and practices that reflect their distinct cultures and languages.</li> <li>Launch a full, independent, judicial public inquiry in to all aspects of Ontario's COVID-19 response including long-term care.</li> <li>Build small nursing home communities that feel like home with more staff who have more time to provide care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for new beds in Schlegel Villages, The Northern Heights Care Community project, The Golden Manor project, and the St. Joseph's Health Centre Guelph expansion project.</li> <li>Multiple long term care homes in construction for the Temiskaming Lodge project, Extendicare Sudbury, Runnymede Long Term Care Home, Stoneridge Manor project, Carleton Place, Golden Plough Lodge, Ritz Lutheran Villa project, Linhaven Long-Term Care Home project and Gilmore Lodge project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide culturally competent and gender affirming health, mental health, and long-term care.</li> <li>End for-profit long-term care and protect seniors.</li> <li>Place audits, inspections, and zero-tolerance sanctions on long-term care homes that endanger residents or misdirect funds.</li> <li>Repeal rules that protect long-term care companies from legal liability.</li> <li>Build and redevelop 58,000 new non-profit long-term care spaces.</li> <li>Ensure seniors in long-term care homes receive at least four hours of direct care every day.</li> <li>Invest in Indigenous-led mental health supports and long-term care.</li> </ul>
<b>DEMENTIA SUPPORTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing an additional \$5 million a year for three years to support individuals with dementia and their caregivers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a dementia care network.</li> </ul>



<b>PALLIATIVE CARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand Ontario's network of hospices by working with community care providers to establish a compassionate and accessible palliative care system.</li> <li>Ensure that terminally ill children and their families are provided with accessible and supportive end of life care by developing and implementing a paediatric hospice palliative care strategy for Ontario.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redevelopment plans for the Queensway Health Centre include a new inpatient care tower, adding 150 new hospital beds and expanding rehabilitation and palliative care services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase support for palliative care by fully funding the clinical costs for hospices.</li> </ul>
<b>MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand access to counselling and therapy services across the province by bringing therapy services into OHIP to create a universal, publicly funded, mental health care system.</li> <li>Create Mental Health Ontario to serve as a coordinating organization that will take the lead on identifying and publicly reporting on mental health needs, developing a comprehensive wait list for services, bringing in province-wide mental health standards, creating a basket of services, and making sure that mental health and addiction programs are delivered equitably across Ontario.</li> <li>Reduce the waitlist for children's mental health to 30 days by implementing the Make Kids Count Action Plan which calls for investment of \$130 million over the next three years to build intensive treatment and specialized consultation services, increase access to psychotherapy and counselling, family therapy and supports, and scale 24-hour crisis support services to ensure children and youth experiencing a crisis have an alternative to going to the emergency department.</li> <li>Build 30,000 new units of supportive housing over the next 10 years to house people living with mental health and addictions challenges.</li> <li>Provide an immediate 8% funding boost for frontline mental health and addiction agencies and provide ongoing sustainable funding after that.</li> <li>Immediately invest an additional \$10 million into mobile crisis support services and \$7 million more for safe bed programs to support mobile crisis teams.</li> <li>Work towards establishing 24-hour civilian community mobile teams across the province to operate in partnership with Mobile Crisis Response Teams and respond to low-risk crisis situations.</li> <li>Hire 40 mental health practitioners to improve care in Northern Ontario by developing an incentive package to recruit doctors and their families to live and work in Northern Ontario.</li> <li>Serve all designated Francophone areas by offering mental health and addiction support services in French.</li> <li>Ensure that mental health care includes a full perinatal mental health strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing \$45.2 million over three years into programs focusing on early intervention and providing access to specialized mental health services delivered by trauma-informed clinicians.</li> <li>Create an online provincewide inventory of regional mental health programs to help public safety personnel get the services and supports they need when and where they need them.</li> <li>Investing \$3.2 million over three years to establish a Mental Health Support Unit to provide confidential counselling services, mental health tools, and training programs for frontline court staff.</li> <li>Investing an additional \$204 million to expand existing services, implementing innovative solutions, and improving access to mental health and addiction services.</li> <li>Investing \$1 million to support planning for Runnymede Healthcare Centre's First Responders Post Traumatic Stress Injury Rehabilitation Centre in Toronto and Peel Region, which will serve first responders such as firefighters, paramedics, nurses and police officers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train 3,000 new mental health and addictions professionals.</li> <li>Invest an additional \$3 billion towards reversing cuts to mental health programs.</li> <li>Reduce wait times for mental health care.</li> <li>Provide free 'mental health first aid' and guided online supports.</li> <li>Hire 1,000 mental health professionals for children to eliminate wait times.</li> <li>Require that private employer benefits include mental health services.</li> <li>Have mental health professionals in emergency rooms and ready to respond to emergency calls.</li> <li>Build 15,000 more supportive homes for mental health and addiction.</li> <li>Guarantee access to mental health services for all health professionals.</li> <li>Make mental health first aid training more available to staff in workplaces.</li> <li>Support campus mental health and gender-based violence prevention.</li> <li>Fund women's health needs such as postpartum mental health.</li> </ul>

<b>MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS</b> (cont'd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hire more mental health workers and child and youth workers to increase in-school support for young people impacted by COVID-19.</li> <li>Establish a provincial strategy to address the suicide crisis among First Nations Youth and work with the federal government to ensure targeted funding to improve mental health on and off reserve for Indigenous Peoples.</li> <li>Work with First Nations leadership to identify health care priorities and deliver mental health and addiction support that is culturally appropriate.</li> <li>Increase resources for criminal diversion programs and dedicated diversion courts to ensure people with mental health and addictions issues are not caught in a self-perpetuating cycle of criminality.</li> </ul>		
<b>OPIOIDS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency, and invest in addiction rehabilitation, detox centres, and harm reduction strategies.</li> <li>Remove the cap on supervised consumption sites, expedite approvals for new sites in the north, and work to ensure safer alternatives to the current toxic and deadly drug supply.</li> <li>Work with the federal government to reduce the stigma of drug addiction and decriminalize personal drug use.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce the risk of death caused by opioid overdoses in workplaces by requiring employers with a known risk to provide a naloxone kit and training in workplaces where overdoses are a potential hazard.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Divert people with addictions, disabilities, and mental health conditions away from the justice system and to appropriate supports.</li> <li>Prevent, intervene, and treat opioid addiction and overdose with a \$300 million investment.</li> <li>Target organized crime groups and deceptive opioid manufacturers.</li> <li>Make life-saving harm reduction supplies and sites more available.</li> <li>Reactivate the Opioid Emergency Task Force.</li> </ul>
<b>PHARMACARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Begin working immediately on Universal Pharmacare for Ontarians that will complement Ontario's existing public drug programs to ensure no one loses their current coverage.</li> <li>Work with Ottawa to establish a national formulary and use Ontario's seat at the Council of the Federation to help build a national pharmacare plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate with the federal government on a national pharmacare program.</li> <li>Make the option for video, phone, email and text visits with primary health care providers.</li> </ul>
<b>DENTAL AND DRUG BENEFITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Ontario Benefits to cover workers in part-time, casual, app-based, or contract jobs with benefits including dental and vision.</li> <li>Create the Ontario Dental Plan to cover dental care for Ontarians earning less than \$200,000 per year. Families with an income under \$90,000 per year will have no co-pay while those between \$90,000 and \$200,000 will have a co-pay on a sliding scale up to a maximum of 50% of the bill.</li> <li>Make targeted capital investments of \$25 million to build and expand 70 dental suites and buy and operate seven mobile dental buses.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure all Ontarians have access to prescription drug coverage and private benefit plans cover all the drugs in Ontario's public formulary.</li> <li>Create a package of high-quality, affordable benefits for all.</li> <li>Help small businesses transition to providing portable benefits.</li> <li>Match savings up to \$1,000 for low-income earners.</li> <li>Require private employer benefits to include mental health services.</li> <li>Cover costs of oral chemotherapy through OHIP.</li> <li>Cover medications to prevent and treat HIV.</li> <li>Expand public coverage for continuous glucose monitoring systems for Ontarians with diabetes.</li> <li>Lower out-of-pocket costs for drugs for rare diseases.</li> </ul>

<b>COVID-19</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancel mergers of public health units and restore the province's traditional share of funding.</li> <li>• Work with public health units and the health sector to review the lessons from the pandemic and ensure public health units have the tools they need for the next pandemic.</li> <li>• Pass a Public Health Accountability Act to ensure the Chief Medical Officer of Health is free to act in the public interest.</li> <li>• Launch a full, independent, judicial public inquiry in all aspects of Ontario's COVID-19 response to ensure we are ready for any future health crises.</li> <li>• Ensure Ontarians who suffer from Long COVID are supported by their primary care providers and broader health teams in their path to recovery.</li> <li>• Invest in research to better understand the causes, symptoms, and treatment of Long COVID.</li> <li>• Expand operating rooms hours over the evenings and weekends to increase hospital capacity to clear the backlog of surgeries and diagnostic procedures created by COVID-19.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Making substantial time-limited COVID-19 investments of \$18.9 billion to strengthen Ontario's resiliency and support the government's Plan to Stay Open including investments to support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospitals with COVID-19 response including additional critical care capacity and health human resources;</li> <li>○ COVID-19 vaccine program, testing and additional capacity in public health;</li> <li>○ Prevention and containment of COVID-19 in long-term care homes;</li> <li>○ The first instalment of one-time payments of up to \$5,000 for eligible nurses to support retention of nurses in Ontario;</li> <li>○ \$1.1 billion for COVID-19 testing</li> <li>○ \$2.0 billion to support hospital beds including critical care, additional staff and personal protective equipment;</li> <li>○ An additional \$210 million for the COVID-19 vaccination program.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• \$300 million to address surgical and diagnostic imaging recovery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add the COVID-19 vaccine to list of required vaccines for schools.</li> <li>• Ensure broad access to antiviral drugs to treat COVID-19.</li> <li>• Combat vaccine misinformation and support business that opt to check for vaccination status.</li> <li>• Require workplaces treat COVID outbreaks as an occupational health issue.</li> <li>• Require vaccinations for front-line health and education workers.</li> <li>• Conduct a public inquiry to learn from the COVID pandemic.</li> <li>• Forgive all student loans for nurses, paramedics, and other health care workers on the front lines of COVID-19.</li> <li>• Permanently increase laboratory testing capacity.</li> <li>• Stockpile in-home rapid tests and high-quality masks.</li> <li>• Conduct a public inquiry to learn from the COVID pandemic.</li> <li>• Build an Ontario pandemic resilience hub and plan for future crises – one that must be reviewed and updated regularly.</li> <li>• Reverse planned cuts to public health units.</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER MAJOR HEALTH COMMITMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start working with health sector partners to eliminate user fees on patients and their families.</li> <li>• Create a Caregiver Benefit Program that provides direct support to family caregivers who do not qualify for the existing federal tax credit programs or respite care up to a maximum of \$400/month for informal caregivers.</li> <li>• Hiring 10,000 new personal support workers and increasing their pay by \$5 above pre-pandemic levels.</li> <li>• Immediately make take-home cancer drugs free and open new cancer treatment centres.</li> <li>• Address health equity by collecting race-based data in health care.</li> <li>• Improving access to gender affirming surgeries and procedures by covering transition drugs.</li> <li>• Make PrEP free.</li> <li>• Ensure that the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test can be billed to OHIP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To further support first responders, the government is investing \$56.8 million in 2022–23 to increase capacity in emergency health services in communities across Ontario.</li> <li>• Continue to call on the federal government to increase its funding as a share of total provincial and territorial health care costs from 22 to 35 per cent through the Canada Health Transfer, and to maintain this level over time with an appropriate annual escalator.</li> <li>• \$250 million to support health human resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure access to a family doctor or nurse practitioner within 24 hours.</li> <li>• Create 15 new community health centres.</li> </ul>