



Ottawa Health Coalition

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October 8th Day of Action on Long-Term Care: Ottawa Health Coalition Press Conference

Ottawa – On October 8th at 11:00 a.m. EST the Ottawa Health Coalition will be holding a Virtual Press Conference via Zoom to rally the community in support of the Ontario Health Coalition Day of Action on Long-Term Care.

Over 1900 Ontario residents and staff have died in Long-Term Care during the Covid-19 crisis, and many patients have been left without adequate care. With Covid-19 cases on the rise, the situation is dire. Ontario urgently needs a plan to protect long-term care residents and staff from further harm due to the for-profit management of long-term care.

The Ottawa Health Coalition is calling for:

- Federal and Provincial Governments to put an end to for-profit long-term care, starting by making Revera Inc. public;
- Immediate action by the Ford government to recruit and train staff;
- Improvements to pay and working conditions, including the creation of full-time, secure jobs; and,
- The Provincial implementation of a minimum care standard of four (4) hours of hands-on care per resident per day.

Speaker Kevin Skerrett will be opening the press conference from outside Carlingview Manor, a Revera Long-Term Care facility in Ottawa. The event speakers list is as follows:

- **Kevin Skerrett:** Ottawa Health Coalition Representative and Author of ‘Pension Fund Capitalism and the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Revera’
- **Michael Hurley:** President, Ontario Council of Hospital Unions (OCHU), RVP, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE)
- **Cecilia Nyaamine:** President, CUPE 1307, Westend Villa Extendicare
- **James Infantino:** Public Service Alliance Canada (PSAC)
- **Betty Yakimneko:** Chair, Madonna House LTC Family Council (Sienna)

This press conference follows the Ottawa Health Coalition’s ‘Make Revera Public’ Virtual Town Hall on September 16th where over four-hundred Ottawa residents signed-in live to support the Public Service Alliance of Canada’s (PSAC) call to make Revera Inc. public.

Similar events will be occurring simultaneously across the province on October 8th in support of the Day of Action.

The Press Conference meeting coordinates are as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83093071544?pwd=eERzcysxRGpIVFAydVRTLOJQOTZGUT09>

Meeting Number: 912 449 0182

Password: 775 024

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