

Ontario Creating 200 New Long-Term Care Beds for Runnymede Hospital

Province Also Opens Applications for New Long-Term Care Beds Across Ontario

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Ontario is opening 200 new long-term care beds for Runnymede Hospital that will help seniors access the care they need, closer to home.

Today's announcement is a part of a commitment to create [5,000 long-term care beds](#) over the next four years and more than 30,000 over the next decade.

The province is also inviting existing or new long-term care organizations [to apply](#) for new beds in their communities.

This investment is part of [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#), which has more than 20 new initiatives to help seniors access the supports they need. The plan includes 15 million more hours of nursing, personal support and therapeutic care for long-term care home residents – a free annual high-dose influenza vaccine for seniors – and a new [one-stop website](#) where seniors can find information about tax credits, drug coverage, powers of attorney, recreation programs and more.

Improving seniors' access to the care they need is part of Ontario's plan to create fairness and opportunity during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes a higher minimum wage and better working conditions, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, easier access to affordable child care, and free prescription drugs for everyone under 25 through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation.

QUOTES

“Our government is committed to supporting Ontario residents who rely on long-term care homes for their ongoing health and personal care needs. By adding 200 new long-care beds to the redevelopment of the Runnymede Hospital, we are helping more seniors access the care they need in their community, close to family and friends.”

— **Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care**

“Seniors are a growing population in my riding of York South-Weston and beyond, and I believe that they deserve the very best care and support we can provide. That is why as part of our government's plan to increase access to high-quality long-term care, including the commitment to adding 200 long-care beds to the redevelopment of Runnymede Hospital, we are ensuring that communities across Toronto West are receiving high quality care.”

— **Laura Albanese, MPP York South-Weston**

“Health care is one of the most important issues for my constituents in Etobicoke Centre. One of my top priorities has been ensuring that the Government of Ontario delivers consistent, quality, and accessible health care to our community. That’s why I have been advocating and working alongside our government to help expand health care resources for my community and why this funding for 200 new long-term care beds for Runnymede Hospital is so important. This will mean higher quality health care in our community and for my constituents in Etobicoke Centre.”
— **Yvan Baker, MPP Etobicoke Centre**

“We are absolutely thrilled by the provincial government’s announcement that we will receive funding to build a long-term care home on our site. Runnymede Healthcare Centre has a history of providing excellent, patient-focused care. The addition of a long-term care facility to our campus will allow Runnymede to provide comprehensive services for generations to come. By providing active rehabilitation, medically complex and long-term care services, Runnymede has established itself as a community health hub. We are excited to make this announcement in the presence of the President of Malta. Runnymede is situated in the heart of Little Malta and as such it is appropriate there will be a culturally designated Maltese component to the new long-term care home. The government supports Runnymede’s inclusion of this wonderful community.”
— **Connie Dejak, President & CEO – Runnymede Health Centre**

QUICK FACTS

- Ontario is inviting existing or new long-term care organizations across the province [to apply](#) for new long-term care beds. Some of these new beds will prioritize culturally-specific needs, as well as Indigenous and Francophone populations.
- The redevelopment of the Runnymede Hospital will be undergoing a licensing review.
- In addition to creating 30,000 new long-term care beds, Ontario is supporting the redevelopment of 30,000 long-term care beds in 300 homes across the province by 2025, including eliminating all four-bed wards.
- The province has nearly doubled its annual funding for long-term care since 2003, from \$2.1 billion to \$4.14 billion.
- In 2017-18, Ontario announced a \$101 million investment over the next three years for the dementia strategy which includes expanding access to community programs, enhancing education, training and respite services for care partners, and improving patient navigation.

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- [Long-Term Care Home Development](#)
- [Aging with Confidence: Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors](#)
- [Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care](#)
- [Information for Seniors](#)