

# NCWC Statement: WORLD HEALTH DAY 2026

## “Together for health. Stand with science”



On World Health Day 2026, the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) reaffirms that timely, equitable, and respectful health care is a fundamental right for all women, families, and communities. This year’s WHO theme, “**Together for health. Stand with science,**” urges investment in evidence-based research, robust public health strategies, and defenses against misinformation that erodes

trust in essential services. Learn more at the [WHO World Health Day site](#).

This call resonates with NCWC’s century-long mission—from founding the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) in 1897 to deliver care to remote areas, to today’s advocacy across health, education, and social equity. Most recently, the NCWC Education Fund hosted a public forum which highlighted evidence and outlined innovative and robust strategies and practical solutions that can be implemented to help address the challenges currently threatening universal care in Canada. To view the recording click [Canada’s Healthcare at a Crossroads](#).

### Addressing Social Determinants

True universal care requires tackling social determinants of health: stable housing and employment, health and digital literacy, quality education, social cohesion, civic participation, and an end to discrimination. These interconnected factors—central to NCWC’s commitment to women’s quality of life—must be addressed through evidence, not misinformation.

**NCWC Next Steps: members, partners and the public are invited to attend *Crystal Clear or Clouded? Rethinking Clean Water in Canada*.** [Noon EST, May 7, 2026]

This critical event examines Canada’s lack of national water standards and their health impacts—from contaminated drinking water and failing wastewater systems, we’ll explore policy gaps, underinvestment, and climate threats, while calling for the adoption of national drinking water regulations. To register to attend click [HERE](#)

To review our **Open Letter “Protect Canada’s Water — Protect Our Health”** click: [HERE](#)

*Together, we stand with science to advance health equity for all Canadians.*