

## NDP Platform Overview

The full platform for the New Democratic Party of Canada is available in [English here](#) and in [French here](#).

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### General

New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh unveiled the party's full platform days before for the federal election was officially called on August 15. The platform in many ways reflects the promises the NDP made in the 2019 federal election.

A key focus of the platform is taxing wealthy Canadians in order to pay for large scale programs like affordable housing and childcare. Other commitments in the 115-page platform include paid universal pharmacare and dental care, student debt cancellation, and rapid emissions reduction fuelled by green jobs. The platform is not yet fully costed but does note that updates will be forthcoming once the Parliamentary Budget Officer has completed their review of the party's costing estimates.

### Key Highlights for IPAC Canada

#### IMPROVED HEALTHCARE

- The NDP would work with the provinces and territories to tackle wait times and improve access to primary care across the country, including by working with the provinces to develop public infrastructure for secure, accessible virtual healthcare.
  - The NDP states that to do this they will identify coming gaps in health human resources and make a plan to recruit and retain the doctors, nurses and other health professionals Canadians need.
  - The NDP will also work with the provinces and territories to expand and improve access to palliative care across the country.
- The COVID19 pandemic has exposed serious weaknesses in Canada's pandemic preparedness and response capacities. The NDP would like to strengthen these systems. This would include having the federal government take a leadership role in a vaccination strategy and providing stable, long-term funding for the Public Health Agency of Canada so they can protect public health and be ready with surge capacity in the event of a crisis.
- The NDP would also ensure that Canada maintains an adequate and responsibly managed stockpile of personal protective equipment, with an emphasis on supporting domestic production.

- Work with universities and health professionals to make sure that public research on critical health issues and strengthen the Global Public Health Intelligence Network which provides surveillance and early warnings that are critical for managing international public health emergencies like pandemics.
- The NDP would also regulate natural health products under stand-alone legislation.
- Establish a crown corporation charged with domestic vaccine production.
- lead a National Seniors Strategy that will work with the provinces, territories and Indigenous governments to make seniors health care a priority, reduce isolation and tackle seniors' poverty. This will include a funded national dementia strategy, and an elder abuse prevention plan developed with seniors to put an end to abuse and neglect in our communities.

### **LONG-TERM CARE AND HOME CARE**

- The NDP would provide end private, for-profit long-term care and bring long-term care homes under the public umbrella, beginning with the federally-owned long term care company Revera.
- The NDP would also work with patients, caregivers, and provincial and territorial governments to develop national care standards for home care and long-term care, regulated by the same principles as the Canada Health Act

### **HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**

- Invest in Indigenous health care infrastructure, medical supplies and diagnostic equipment. The NDP would work in partnership with Indigenous communities to improve access to mental health and addiction treatment services both on and off reserve – including an evidence-based action plan to prevent suicide, backed by dedicated federal resources, fully implementing the New Democrat motion on suicide prevention passed by the House of Commons.
- The NDP would also work with communities and care providers to ensure that Indigenous-led, culturally appropriate home care and long-term care is available for Elders, in their home communities and languages.

### **DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING**

- The NDP will develop comprehensive industrial strategies to incubate and expand critical domestic manufacturing capacity and supply chain infrastructure including for auto, aerospace, shipbuilding, construction materials, pharmaceuticals and personal protective equipment.