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virus was no picnic, either.

I didn't want to end up in the ICU (Intensive Care Unit)," Dana said. "Which, with my health problems, I probably wouldn't come out of the ICU. But luckily, I did not get a severe case. I'm hoping it stays that way."

At the urgent care center, Dana sat in the car as nurses came out to administer a swab for the test.

In addition to the other symptoms, Dana has experienced fever, headaches and chest pain during the course of the infection.

"They use a swab and they stick it way up your nose — clear up to basically your eye socket," Dana said. "And they do this on each side of your nose."

"You basically lose all your energy," said Dana. Getting tested for the

Dana recalled the resulting pain lasting a half hour.

"I recommend anyone who gets the test take Kleenex with them because they're going to

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— Cottage Grove resident "Dana," who was confirmed to have COVID-19

need it," Dana said.

In quarantine since April 8, Dana has been isolated at home in downtown Cottage Grove and has taken care not to expose anyone to the virus, even adopting the habit of taking out garbage in the middle of the night when no one is around, careful not to touch any public-shared surfaces.

Without a support network of friends, however, Dana said their quarantine comes with some hardships.

At first, they received some help to adjust to their new lifestyle, but "the lady who brought me groceries when I was first put in quarantine now has COVID-19," Dana said. "She thinks she got it in Douglas County."

Just before quitting their job, Dana was lucky enough to purchase a healthy supply of toiletries, but the food has been somewhat of a worry.

"I just froze a lot of stuff," Dana said. "My freezer isn't very big, but you do what you've got to do."

The length of Dana's quarantine, though, has been a growing concern as resources are finite and Dana is not clear on what would constitute an end to the quarantine.

Initially, Dana's physician said two tests within 24 hours which come back negative would clear Dana to return to normal life. However, LCPH has also told Dana that they must be without symptoms for 72 hours.

Unfortunately, this may not yet be the case for Dana.

"I still have tightness in my chest. It's hard to breathe. I've still got a little bit of a cough and an occasional headache, but other than that it seems to be getting better," said Dana.

Closing in on a month since the diagnosis, Dana is eager to get tested again and have a definitive diagnosis of their current health condition.

Therein lies another snag.

Dana's health insurance was tied to their job at the healthcare facility and rumors about test prices approaching \$400 have caused Dana to hesitate in seeking testing.

"I don't have that kind of money. I've heard tell that if you don't have insurance, the government will pay for it," Dana said with skepticism. "But if I go get these two tests 24 hours apart and I get a bill, how am I going to pay it?"

As no bill or invoice from the first test has come in the mail yet, Dana is left in a predicament of uncertainty.

Even so, the desire to

be released from quarantine finally outweighed the fear of financial woes this Monday as Dana made an attempt to get tested at McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center's drive-through COVID-19 test unit — where they hit another snag.

At the drive-through, Dana said their lack of health insurance was met with resistance and Dana was left with the impression they could not get a test.

In a call by *The Sentinel* to the medical center, a worker confirmed that a lack of insurance should not be a barrier to getting a test, though such patients would pay an out-of-pocket fee. Additionally, a physician's order is required to administer the test.

In an unfortunate turn of events, Dana's initial physician who recommended testing has since left the practice.

On top of all this uncertainty, Dana's economic situation has gradually deteriorated as they have had no luck getting unemployment insurance from the state.

The Oregon Employment Department states that someone is considered "able to work" during the emergency declaration if they are "home sick because of the novel coronavirus

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