



Date: 3/30/2020

## IMMEDIATE SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERED FOR SENIOR LIVING APARTMENT COMPLEX

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Judge Mark Keough, in consultation with Montgomery County Public Health District, has issued an **Immediate Shelter-in-Place** order for The Conservatory at Alden Bridge. This order requires the following:

- 1.) No one shall enter or exit the address or individual living units at this address: 6203 Alden Bridge Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77382. The only exemptions to this order are personnel required to maintain the facility, food services, medical professionals, caregivers, or law enforcement.
- 2.) Until 6:00 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>), residents may leave the facility in order to stay in another household provided they continue to self-isolate. All individuals located in the household where the resident has relocated must also self-isolate for the duration of this order.
- Residents who choose to leave the facility shall not return until this order expires on Monday, April 13, 2020 (unless revised and/or extended by County Judge).

It is important to note for accuracy in reporting, The Conservatory is not considered a nursing home or assisted-living facility. This is an apartment complex for the 55+ community that offers communal dining and recreational activities. Since the first case of COVID-19 was diagnosed in relation to this facility, all communal activities were suspended, and residents were asked to stay in their individual apartments and monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19.

Public Health guidance to the apartment complex's residents who choose to stay in their individual units are as follows, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19:

- 1.) Stay in your own apartment at all times.
- 2.) Do not let visitors, including family, neighbors or providers, in your apartment.

- 3.) Always stay at least 6 feet away from any other person.
- 4.) Take your temperature twice a day, once in the morning and once at night.
- 5.) If you develop a fever or cough, call Public Health at 936-523-5040 (24 hours a day).
- 6.) If you have trouble breathing, call 911.
- 7.) Wash your hands, for 20 seconds, using soap at least four times a day, or as much as possible, especially after using the bathroom and before eating.

**Montgomery County Public Health District's** mission is promoting a healthy, resilient community through health education, disease prevention, clinical services, and emergency preparedness. For more information about the Montgomery County Public Health District please go to <a href="https://www.mcphd-tx.org">www.mcphd-tx.org</a>.



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## ORDER OF SHELTER IN PLACE FOR CERTAIN PREMISES

(March 30, 2020)

WHEREAS, a local disaster declaration was declared on March 12, 2020, ratified and extended for 30 days by a duly called Emergency Meeting of Commissioners Court on the same day, and both the State of Texas and Federal disaster declarations were issued on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus is contagious and spreads through person-to-person contact, especially in group settings; and

WHEREAS, an emerging public health emergency does currently exist and is expected to worsen, where Montgomery County desires to slow down and prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, The Conservatory of The Woodlands, located at 6203 Alden Bridge Drive, does and herby present a heighten possibility of community spread and the residents are the most vulnerable population at risk of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, In order to protect the health and safety of residents located there and/or the residents of the community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARK J. KEOUGH, COUNTY JUDGE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 418, HEREBY ORDER:

Effective immediately on Monday, March 30, 2020 and continuing until April 13, 2020 or terminated or modified by an order, the County Judge of Montgomery County, Texas, deems it in the public interest to issue the following order(s)

For the purposes of this order shelter in place has the meaning of self-isolation within a residence for the period of the order. A person subject to a shelter in place order may not leave the residence until the expiration of the order except to seek emergency medical care or for a life safety emergency.

 All persons residing at 6203 Alden Bridge Dr. The Woodlands, TX 77382 otherwise known as The Conservatory, to include all individual units are to shelter in place at their residence.

- 2. Until 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020, residents may leave the facility in order to stay with an individual or a family so long as they continue to shelter in place for the duration of this order. All parties at that destination shall also enter a period of shelter in place for the duration of this order.
- 3. Residents who leave before 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020 shall not return to the affected address until the expiration of the order.
- 4. No entry or exit will be permitted to any person or persons at this address except for those necessary to maintain the facility, provide food service, caregivers, medical professionals, law enforcement or someone assisting a resident who is departing under section 2.

Pursuant to Chapter 418, Sec. 418.173 Texas Government Code, any violation of this order constitutes an offense committed under this statute and is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 dollars or confinement in jail for a term no greater than 180 days.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Mark J. Kebugh, County Judge

Witnessed: