

Email sent Via AlertNow, Wednesday, March 11 @ 9:26 pm:

Carden Parents,

This evening, a Carden family shared that a visiting relative was recently in Australia. The relative was coincidentally in two locations where Tom Hanks also was. This evening Tom Hanks announced that he and his wife have both tested positive for the Coronavirus/Covid 19.

The family member was never closer than eight feet to Tom Hanks.

The family member then flew home, drove to Westlake and was on campus at Carden this afternoon.

Tom Hanks did not show symptoms of the virus when the Carden family member saw him, and the Carden family member has not shown symptoms of the virus. The Carden family member spoke with her doctor who said, "there is no reason to quarantine yourself." There are no symptoms, so no reason to be tested for Covid 19.

Although the likelihood of any kind of transmission is small, as no one was showing any symptoms, and there was no close contact with Tom Hanks, Mr. Fleming and I tried to communicate with the Public Health offices of both Ventura County and California. However, we are not able to share information and receive recommendations until tomorrow morning during business hours.

School will be open tomorrow, but should you choose to keep your children home, their absence will of course be excused. We will send a follow-up communication through text, email and phone as soon as we are able to speak with the Department of Health in the morning.

We are grateful to the Carden family that shared their story. Open communication with regards to this virus is essential. Thank you for respecting the privacy of this Carden family.

Thank you,

Lisa Macias-Flavin
Head of School