

## Information on Lung Function Testing in Victoria

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On the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020, the TSANZ in conjunction with the ANZSRS updated recommendations regarding the performance of lung function tests.

Updated recommendations: Following the recent closure of Victorian borders, the TSANZ has been in regular contact with the Federal Office of the Chief Medical Officer (CMO). In conjunction with advice from the CMO office, and the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), the recommendations that were given on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 are unchanged. It should be noted the DHHS are recommending level one PPE in areas of higher clinical risk, and where the person is NOT suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 and is not in quarantine.

- All Pulmonary Function Testing including cardiopulmonary exercise testing and bronchoprovocation testing can now be performed in patients who are afebrile, and who have no symptoms of a viral illness.
- Level one PPE in line with the Victorian DHHS, and physical distancing in public areas is still required.
- It is recommended that Body Temperature is measured on all patients prior to testing to ensure they are afebrile.
- Pulmonary Function Testing is NOT recommended in patients who are febrile, or who have an escalating acute respiratory condition.
- We also recommend that testing only be performed using lung function equipment that utilise inline filters.

These recommendations are subject to ongoing review.



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