As cardiopulmonary exercise testing is an elective procedure and associated with an elevated release of aerosol / droplets, routine testing should be deferred, in accordance with statements released on medical societies' websites for deferral of non-urgent CV testing and procedures [1], and for pulmonary function testing [2,3].

Tests may only be considered in individual cases, **if a substantial AND immediate clinical consequence is expected to result.**

If a test has to be performed, safety of patients and staff has highest priority, therefore:
- Staff must wear personal protection equipment according to patient status and guidelines of the individual institution, the local infection control team and health authorities.
- The number of persons in the room has to be reduced to a reasonable minimum.
- Exercise / gas exchange equipment and surfaces must be thoroughly cleaned after each test with appropriate cleaners, according to manufacturers' recommendations.
- Adequate airing of the room is required after each test.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is a dynamic process, it is
mandatory to closely look for updates, released by local authorities and the medical societies.

References:
2: https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/disease-related-resources/pulmonary-function-laboratories.php?