Stage		Conditions to operate at this Stage	What could a prison regime operating at this Stage look like?		
5	Complete Lockdown	Prison - as 'Lockdown', but with an active outbreak ongoing that is not being contained by level 4 lockdown.	Regime focused purely on preservation of life.  Minimise time out of cell and social contact – no time in the open air, all meals served at cell door, support from other establishments or external suppliers for essential services like laundry.  No transfers in or out of the establishment.		
4	Lockdown	Prison – Significant number of infections within establishment or prison unable to implement compartmentalisation strategy.  National – Significant number of establishments with new infections, which indicates that systemic risks are not sufficiently controlled.  Community - High levels of community infection and transmission (Alert Level 4/5).	Minimum required regime in place to ensure safety and decency.  Receptions from courts for some prisons, but routine inter-prison transfers (IPTs) stopped and controlled IPTs agreed via central command structures.		
3	Restrict	Prison - Assessment is that infection levels in the establishment are under control.  National – Small number of establishments with outbreak control teams in place.  Community – At or transitioning to Alert Level 3 (epidemic in circulation) or below.	More inter-prison transfers possible, but still controlled.  Highest priority areas of regime (e.g. visits) can start to be reinstated with appropriate restrictions.  Reintroduction of stage 3 regime elements such as:  Social visits, but with limited capacity and other restrictions and adaptations.  Offender Management work and Offending Behaviour Programmes, but with restrictions and adaptations.		
2	Reduce	Prison - No infection present in the prison, or very low levels where spread is contained.  National – Infection present only in small number of prisons.  Community – At or transitioning to Alert Level 2 (Covid-19 present, but transmission is low) or below.	Testing and monitoring ongoing, but minimal social distancing required, in line with the community.  Inter Prison Transfers closer to normal levels.  Implementation of Stage 2 regime elements:  Reintroduction of classroom based education in the adult estate; greater workshops activity in operation; indoor PE; all with restrictions and adaptations to reduce capacity as necessary.  Less restrictive adaptations and greater capacity across all services, such as visits.  Reintroduce communal worship with restrictions and adaptations.		
1	Prepare	Prison – No infection within establishment.  National – No known infections in prisons.  Community – At or transitioning to Alert Level 1 (Covid-19 not known to be present)  Staffing levels near target and sufficient for normal regime delivery, including partner services e.g. healthcare.	Ongoing screening, testing and monitoring continues to rapidly detect any new infections in the future.  Routine Inter Prison Transfers allowed.  Regimes operating without requirements for social distancing or PPE use.		