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US not ready for flu pandemic - health chief

THE United States is unprepared for the next flu pandemic and will lack the manufacturing capacity to provide 300 million doses of a vaccine for up to five years, the US health secretary, Mike Leavitt, has admitted.

"We're probably closer to a pandemic than at any time in the last 37 years. We're not as prepared as we need to be," he said.

Web links

- [Dept of Health - pandemic flu](#)

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/EmergencyPlanning/PandemicFlu/fs/en>

- [WHO - Bird Flu fact sheet](#)

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