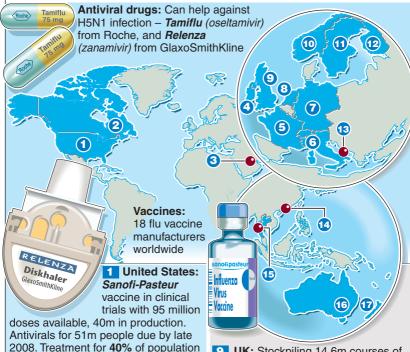
## Double whammy could stop flu pandemic

Countries should stockpile sufficient antiviral drugs to treat 50% of their population as well as a trial vaccine against H5N1, experts warn. A new study in Nature shows that immunization of children plus early closure of schools, businesses and borders could cut illness by up to two-thirds



**Canada:** Plan to buy 30m doses of trial vaccine and 20m doses of antiviral drugs. Target – treat entire population

- **3 Bahrain:** Stockpiling antiviral drugs for **58%** of population
- 4 Ireland: One million courses of Tamiflu to be stockpiled this year sufficient to treat 25% of population
- **5** France: Sanofi-Aventis vaccine for 28m people, antiviral drugs for 32m people. Target treat entire population
- 6 Switzerland: Can treat 50%-plus
- **7 Germany:** Has stockpile of Tamiflu and Relenza to treat **10%** of population
- 8 Netherlands: Antivirals to treat 32% of population by 2007

- **9 UK:** Stockpiling 14.6m courses of antiviral drugs to protect **25%** by 2007. "Sleeping contract" to book vaccine production once strain is identified
- 10 Norway: Tamiflu for 33%
- 111 Sweden: Antivirals for 6%
- 12 Finland: Tamiflu for 25%
- 13 Italy: Antivirals for 10%
- 14 Hong Kong: Antivirals to treat 14% of population plan to treat 42%
- **15 Thailand:** Sufficient Tamiflu to treat barely 22,000 patients **0.03%**
- **16** Australia: Stockpile of 4m antiviral course to treat **25%** of population
- 17 New Zealand: Stockpile of Tamiflu to treat 20% of population