**Video Title:** How coronavirus price-gouging is hurting consumers

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This video provides a number of examples of consumers having to pay grossly-inflated prices for items they need to combat the corona virus disease. Some had to pay $300 for a bottle of Purell on Amazon that usually sold for $9.95. Protective masks and "regular" soap were similarly over-priced, as was Clorox which could be used to concoct a substitute solution for hand sanitizers.

Some of these exorbitant prices were partly due to scarcity. Many consumers were disappointed to find empty shelves for the products they needed. Some states, such as California, New York and New Jersey are cracking down of price gougers. Some have been fined and/or jailed.

Questions:

1. What occurred that helped to bring the prices of these items back to previous levels?

2. What price should the company that is first to develop a vaccine charge?